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Times Portfolio

The Times Portfolio prize was shared between three men in the South East of England yesterday. Each of the winners will receive £666.67. Report, page 3: today's Portfolio, page 14: how to play and rates, back page.

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Mondale unites with Hart

Mr Walter Mondale and Senator Gary Hart ended their rivalry yesterday, aiming for a peaceful Democratic convention and a united front against President Reagan Page 6

Nature danger

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City pressure

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Lords defeat

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Irving deported

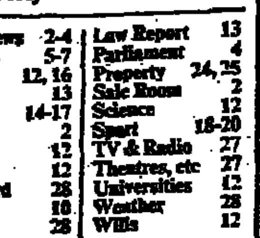
Austrian police deported Mr David Irving the British historian, after arresting him on suspicion of neo-Nazi activity, a police spokesman said Page 6

Top comrade

Signor Alessandro Natta, aged 66, was appointed secretary of the Italian Communist Party last night, in succession to Enrico Berlinguer.

Moxon replaced

Martyn Moxon, ready to make his England Test debut at Lord's tomorrow, has withdrawn with a cracked rib. Mike Gatting takes his place Page 19



Thatcher claims good EEC deal for Britain

From Ian Murray, Fontainebleau

A ceasefire in the five-year-old EEC budget war was negotiated at the European summit in Fontainebleau yesterday. Under its terms Britain is guaranteed an annual rebate on its contributions in return for allowing an increase in the permitted size of the Community budget.

The war ended with no winners or losers. Mrs Margaret Thatcher flew home with less money than she wanted to get. But the other nine had to offer her a kind of system which instutionalizes the British rebate.

However, there is no guarantee that the war will not break out again in three or four years' time. The promised rebate will only last for as long as the Community keeps spending inside the new, higher limit. More money will require more negotiations, probably before the end of the decade.

Mrs Thatcher, however, issued a statement to claim: "This is a good deal for Britain. She will now have to prove that to the House of Commons, which must ratify the deal before it can be agreed. The deal will outline is a simple formula which hides a series of complicated concessions.

In essence, Britain has been awarded a 66 per cent rebate on part of its contribution each year, beginning in 1985. To cover this year, while the system is being established, Britain has accepted a lump sum payment of £600m.

The agreement also means that Britain's agreed rebate of £457m for 1983, which has been frozen by the European Parliament, should be freed by the autumn.

Over the past four years, Britain has succeeded in negotiating annual rebates from the Community amounting to two-thirds of its total net contribution. On the face of it, therefore, the new deal looks much the same as the old.

But there is an essential and expensive difference. The rebate in future will not be calculated as in the past against the total amount of money which Britain transfers each year to the EEC budget. It will be calculated instead against a lower figure based on the proportion of Britain's value added tax contribution to the budget. This is about 20 per cent lower than the full amount.

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According to French figures, this change means that Britain has accepted a system which would have produced an average rebate some £115m a year less if it had been in force over the past four years. The French view was that this was acceptable to other member states precisely because it was so much lower.

Agreement on the deal means that Britain is now committed to ask Parliament to allow the Community ceiling on its resources to be raised. This will involve giving the European Commission the right to levy up to 1.4 per cent of all the revenue derived from VAT paid on a common basket of goods and services.

This extra money is desperately needed already, and it was this fact which helped Mrs Thatcher to force the other countries reluctantly to give her a deal. This year's budget is already likely to be some £1,400m overspent, and finance ministers will have to work quickly now to find ways of cutting costs and juggling with the books if the Community is to meet its legal obligations.

The finance ministers will also have to agree to a thorough system for controlling agricultural spending. Doing this has always been an essential ingredient of any British settlement and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has already run into strong opposition in his quest for legal agreements to control the Community's purse strings.

The hope is that with the new-found spirit of Community compromise such an agreement can be reached when the finance ministers meet in Brussels in the middle of next month.

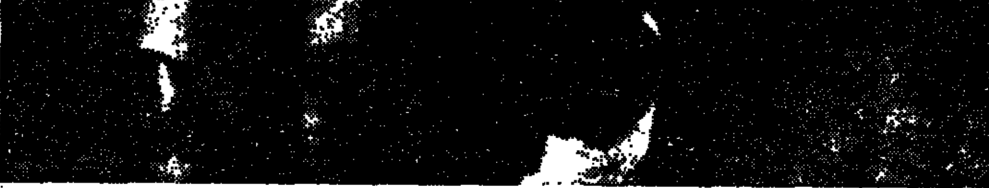
Just how tightly these budget controls can be screwed will determine how long it is before the Community runs out of money again. With enlargement of the Community to include Spain and Portugal still scheduled from the start of 1986, the bills will mount up quickly, but Britain still believes that good housekeeping can help to contain spending under the new ceiling for some time to come.

Clearing away the budget problem meant that the summit had enough good will left over to allow West Germany to set up a special deal for granting special compensation to its farmers in return for the very low agricultural price deal this year.

The special arrangement was originally refused out of hand by the European Commission, which fears that other countries will want to do the same thing and so undermine the common agricultural policy.

With these difficult but real problems at last resolved, President Mitterrand was able to devote the last session of the summit to a long discussion about the Europe of the future.





Wimbledon winner: Virginia Wade on her way to a 3–6, 6–3, 6–4 first round victory over Ann Henricksson of America (Picture: Norman Lomax).

Brittan 'victim of smear campaign'

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Sources close to the Home Secretary last night identified Mr Leon Brittan as the victim of a smear, a purported scandal, after publication of a report naming the minister in the latest issue of *Private Eye*.

But because *Private Eye* has stated that there was no truth in the allegations, Mr Brittan, who is a distinguished libel lawyer, would not issue writs against the magazine.

It was added in the clearest terms, however, that if anyone suggested that the allegations were true, writs would be issued.

The sources commented on *Private Eye's* report: "This is correct. He has been smeared and there is no truth in the allegations. Consequently, the story in *Private Eye* provides no basis for legal action".

Although it had been suggested to *The Times* that the allegations about Mr Brittan might have been put about, in part, by a disaffected security source, a similar *Private Eye* suggestion was last night discounted as "wholly fanciful".

Private Eye said that the rumours had been resurrected and peddled around Fleet Street by MI5 sources who feared a Security Service shake-up in the wake of the Bettaney case

When a government source was asked about the rumours last week, and whether the Prime Minister was satisfied that there was no substance in them, there was an angry denunciation of "assassination by gossip"

Space craft blast-off is aborted

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

The maiden voyage of the space shuttle Discovery was dramatically aborted three seconds before lift-off at Cape Canaveral yesterday.

"We have a go for main engine start", came the voice of space shuttle control just before 8.43am (1.43pm BST) as the rocket ignition process began. "Seven, six, five ... We have main engine start ... We have a cut off, we have an abort by the on-board computers of Discovery ... all three engines have been shut down."

The dazzling splash of white flame from the base of the spaceship, which meant that Discovery and its crew of six were on the edge of blast-off, vanished as the computer controlling the launch snuffed the ignition.

It seemed that, because of a faulty valve, number three main engine failed to reach the required nine-tenths of thrust and the computer closed down the entire system.

Water was sprayed around the base of the engines (which are powered by liquid hydrogen and oxygen) as part of the process of making the spaceship safe. Then engineers and computer specialists began an investigation.

For the second day running, Discovery's crew of five men and a woman, keyed-up for their week-long mission, had to leave the spaceship and wait for another try.

Disappointment showed on their faces as they emerged

The launch teams are now preparing discovery for a lift-off tomorrow.

Not since the Gemini programme of the 1960s has an American spacecraft come so close to lift-off only to be aborted, Gemini 6, in 1965, shut down two seconds before lift-off.

Bank move to halt further rate rises

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

The Government's determination to prevent a further rise in domestic interest rates if at all possible was spelt out by the Bank of England yesterday. In a public statement, unprecedented in recent history, the Bank said that there was no need on monetary policy grounds for any general increase in the level of interest rates.

The statement, which was fully endorsed by the Treasury, came soon after National Westminster fell into line with the other big banks by raising its base lending rate from 9 per cent to 9.25 per cent. The Bank also adjusted the rates at which it channels money into the banking system and its remarks were designed to avoid any possible misinterpretation of these technical adjustments.

However, there seems to have a wider purpose as well. Speculation that base rates might soon have to rise above 9.25 per cent has revived because of pressure on the pound caused by rising American interest rates driving the dollar up.

Although ministers accept that British interest rates, which are now well below American rates, are not immune from developments overseas, the Government is clearly reluctant to be forced into raising rates to protect the pound when it believes there is no need on domestic grounds. This was made clear by Nr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, in his Mais lecture at the City University last week.

The pound's recent weakness has largely been due to the strength of the dollar. On Monday it fell below $1.35 temporarily – for the first time – and the authorities have made clear that they pay more attention to its trade-weighted value against a basket of currencies which has been steadier.

However, in a quieter day on the foreign exchange markets yesterday which saw the dollar easing slightly on profit-taking, the pound failed to benefit as much as other currencies.

Although it firmed slightly against the dollar, closing up 35 points at $1.35.25, it lost ground against the Deutsche mark.

Its trade-weighted value ended down 0.2 at 79.0.

The Bank of England said yesterday that although there was no reason for rates to rise at the moment, it could not make a forecast. "We can obviously only talk about rates today – tomorrow is a different matter. We will have to wait and see what happens to other interest rates," a spokeman said.

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Rural kiosks could close

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The denationalized British Telecom will have the power to close nearly 5,000 telephone kiosks – everyone that takes less than £185 a year – through powers contained in its operating licence.

According to details of the licence published in its final form yesterday: "The minimum figure will be £185 per annum, which is the same as the latest guideline agreed between the Post Office Users National Council and British Telecom".

Figures published by British Telecom in the spring showed that of the 77,000 public telephone kiosks, about 10,000 earn less than £225 a year. Of those about 4,500 – mostly in the rural areas – earn less than £140.

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Coal board staff mobbed by pickets

From Craig Seton
Doncaster

Striking miners were accused of acting like "thugs and yobs" yesterday after 1,000 men descended on the National Coal Board's regional office in Doncaster and accosted employees in the street. Women were among 37 people assaulted, hit by stones or threatened.

The incident was described by coal board officials as well organized, and the worst and most violent of a number of mass pickets at Coal House by Yokshire miners since the dispute began.

A complaint was made to the area office of the National Union of Mineworkers.

One employee was taken to hospital after being punched in the mouth and an office girl was told that she would be "kicked back home" if they tried to get into work.

The police arrested 17 miners outside Coal House, where 16 windows were smashed and 11 cars damaged. One had "NUM" scratched in large letters on its bonnet.

Board officials said that miners roamed the streets in gangs, stopping workers on the way to Coal House, and male employees were "thumped".

Others were pushed and jostled, kicked or had stones thrown at them as they made their way to an assemly point next to Doncaster police station set aside for times when their two offices were being picketed.

Many women were said to have been in tears and one collapsed. Of the 37 people who said that they had been attacked, hit by missiles or threatened, 19 were women.

Eight, including two women, were kicked; six, three men and three women, were hit or pushed; two men were hit by missiles; seven people, six of them women, were treated for shock and six people, one a woman, were threatened with assault.

A further five people were hit by eggs and a man was spat on. About 1,000 people work at Coal House, many of them related to miners.

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Claim by Scargill of secret power cut plans denied

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, claimed last night that secret plans were being drawn up by the Government to seek parliamentary authorization for power cuts to start at the end of August because of dwindling coal stocks held at power stations.

The president of the National Union of Mineworkers said his information had come from "a high level" source inside the Central Electricity Generating Board, but last night both the board and the Department of Energy denied Mr Scargill's claim.

He made the allegations during a speech to the conference of the National Union of Railwaymen in which he also appeared to scupper any prospect of agreement on the level of coal supplies to steel plants between the miners and the steelworkers' union, who are meeting in London on Friday.

He appealed to the NUR and the train drivers' union, Aslef, to call an immediate halt to deliveries of iron ore to the five major steel plants and it appeared last night that some railway workers were prepared to respond to that call. Four out of five ore trains due to deliver to Llanwern steel works, south Wales, were turned back by miners' pickets.

Have a nice chaos, dear...

Calman

An ore blockade which contravened a decision by transport unions last week, that supplies would be guaranteed until the meeting between the NUM and the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, would also be likely to provoke the British Steel Corporation to seek a High Court injunction against the rail unions.

In anticipation of such a move, the NUR conference yesterday agreed to transfer about £6m of its £24m assets into a newly established provident fund in an attempt to protect the funds from sequestration following the union's policy of ignoring injunctions served under the Government's employment legislation.

The conference also agreed to the leadership's call for strike pay to be increased from the present nominal £1 a day and delegates gave the union execu-

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Papers hit by miners conflict

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Fleet Street newspapers faced disruption last night after print workers requested the publication of a statement backing the miners.

The *Financial Times* failed to appear and *The Sun* lost its first edition. At *The Times* and the *Daily Mirror* it was agreed that the text of a statement would appear in the form of a letter to the editor.

Management at the *Daily Express* said it would carry the material as a paid-for advertisement.

Print union leaders demanded the inclusion of the statement and a cartoon in a prominent position on pages three, five or seven to redress what they regard as an imbalance in the reporting of the miners' strike.

The demand was made as part of the regional TUC's day of action in support of the pitmen. The trade unionists say the statement is intended to show that printworkers support the miners and that it is meant as a "right of reply" to national newspapers coverage of the stoppage.

The editor of *The Times* offered print union leaders three choices: that the statement should be published and paid for as an advertisement; that it should be assessed as a news story and carried on its merits; or that it should be published as a letter to the editor. The unions chose the latter, and the statement appears on page 11 without the cartoon.

Meetings were being held at other national newspapers last night in an attempt to resolve the problem. It appears that most papers were offering print workers the same choices as those on offer at *The Times*.

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Angry victim of a diplomatic crime

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A London girl aged 24 described yesterday how a Kenyan diplomat knocked her and her passenger off her motorcycle after jumping red traffic lights, abandoned his car and ran off, leaving them both unconscious in the road.

"He then turned up at the police station the next day, claiming diplomatic immunity", said Miss Charlotte Owen, a press officer with the Family Planning Association.

Since then, for the past seven months, Miss Owen and her mother have met with "stone-walling" in their efforts to obtain some kind of compensation for the fractured and scarred knee which lost Miss Owen the chance of a job abroad.

Miss Owen is a victim of the 546 serious crimes that have been committed since 1974 by some of the 5,000 members of the diplomatic community in London, who escape prosecution by virtue of immunity under the Vienna Convention.

At first, the police said where was absolutely no problem, her mother, Mrs Margaret Owen, a magistrate said. "They said there was overwhelming evidence, and lots and lots of witnesses."

The Foreign Office was also sympathetic. "I wrote saying this sort of offence was appalling and asking them to lean on the Kenyan High Commission to see the man left the country and/or there was some sort of *ex gratia* compensation".

To her astonishment, she said, the Foreign Office said it could not expect the diplomat to be punished more than someone would be if a citizen of this country.

But the offence at the least, she said, would mean loss of a driving licence, a requirement to take another test, and a very heavy fine or even, if the court thought right, a term of imprisonment.

At the High Commission, the "shutters came down", she recalled. Staff ignored Foreign Office letters and refused to say if the driver was insured until after the police report.

When this was produced, she said, the police had completely changed their minds, saying they would not have prosecuted anyway as a signals engineer had reported that those traffic lights had a very rapid colour phase-change.

As her daughter had only third party insurance, their only hope was the diplomat's insurers. On the strength of the police report, they would not pay, Mrs Owen said. Without a successful prosecution, there was also no chance of a claim to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

The Foreign Office urged her to put it all behind her.

She believes the Foreign Office ought to take a tougher line in such cases to ensure embassies make reparation. The police ought also to state in their report that if the case warranted it, they would have prosecuted, had it not been for diplomatic immunity.

Lancashire pit strike cannot be made official, judge rules

The National Union of Mineworkers cannot make the strike in Lancashire official, a High Court judge decided in Manchester yesterday.

Mr Justice Caulfield made a declaration invalidating a delegate decision at an area conference on June 2 making the strike official.

The judge also said that the union did not have the power to impose disciplinary sanctions on men who wished to work at pits in the North-west.

The action was brought by three men from Agecroft Colliery, Manchester. They had asked for the declaration against the union's area executive committee and the area delegate conference who contested the case.

The plaintiffs were the branch secretary, Mr Jim Lord, the branch president, Mr James Newcombe and Mr John Edwards, the pit's representative on the area executive committee. They were given an order for costs.

The judge said both sides interpreted the union's rules differently. The plaintiffs said that the NUM could not call a strike at area level without a ballot of members and the defendants had argued to the contrary.

It was conceded that the union's national executive could not call a strike without a ballot.

On the defendants' construction of local rules the judge said it followed that every area could call for a strike and the combination of their efforts would result in a national stoppage without a ballot.

Mr Lord said afterwards: "It has cleared the air in Lancashire. I hope it will bring a lot more men who have been afraid of union reprisals back to work".

Mr Sid Vincent, general secretary of the Lancashire miners, said: "The result has made it clear that you cannot have a strike without a ballot at any level, but it will not bring the lads back".

● Five Derbyshire and 29 Kent miners were dismissed by the National Coal Board yesterday for occupying their pits.

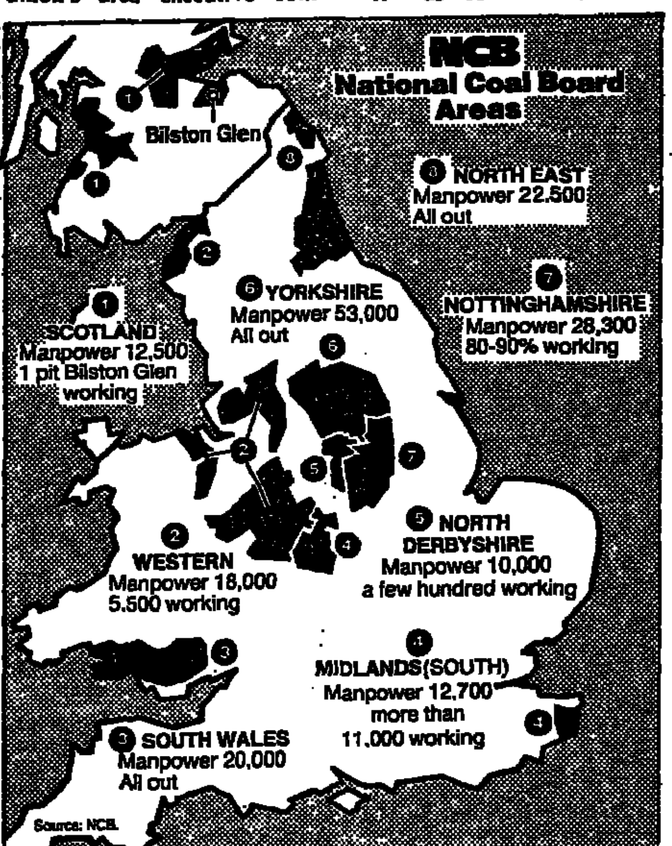
The Derbyshire men occupied winding gear at Whitwell.

● Only one of five trains scheduled to deliver iron ore to Llanwern steelworks went past pickets to be unloaded yesterday (Tim Jones writes). The British Steel Corporation says the supply situation is critical.

Steel union officials and British Steel Corporation management say that at least 40 per cent production is vital to keep the blast furnaces in prime condition. Although the coke and coal supplied by lorry can prevent cooling, the corporation says that long term damage can still be caused.

Miners withdrew safety cover at the Merthyr Vale colliery, Mid Glamorgan, yesterday after being asked to pay a £3 shift levy to the NUM. The volunteers received £15 a shift.

● Thirty arrests were made outside Bilston Glen colliery near Edinburgh yesterday as clashes between pickets and police continued.



Whitehall to fund non-animal research

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The use of human tissue cultures from aborted foetuses, from people who have recently died and from surgery is to be considered as a replacement for live animals in research.

The project, backed by Home Office funds, will examine the ethical, emotional, and technical issues. "A solution to one moral problem raises others", Dr Michael Balls, chairman of the trustees of the Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments (Frame) said yesterday.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, said in a parliamentary written answer yesterday: "The Government's objective in supporting Frame is to promote a significant contribution to efforts being made in many laboratories to reduce the numbers of live animals being used in scientific procedures".

The Home Office will consider an application for about £150,000 spread over three years.

Asked about the use of human tissues, Dr Balls said that maintaining them in glass outside the body could be an alternative to live animals. The tissues were already being used on a small scale.

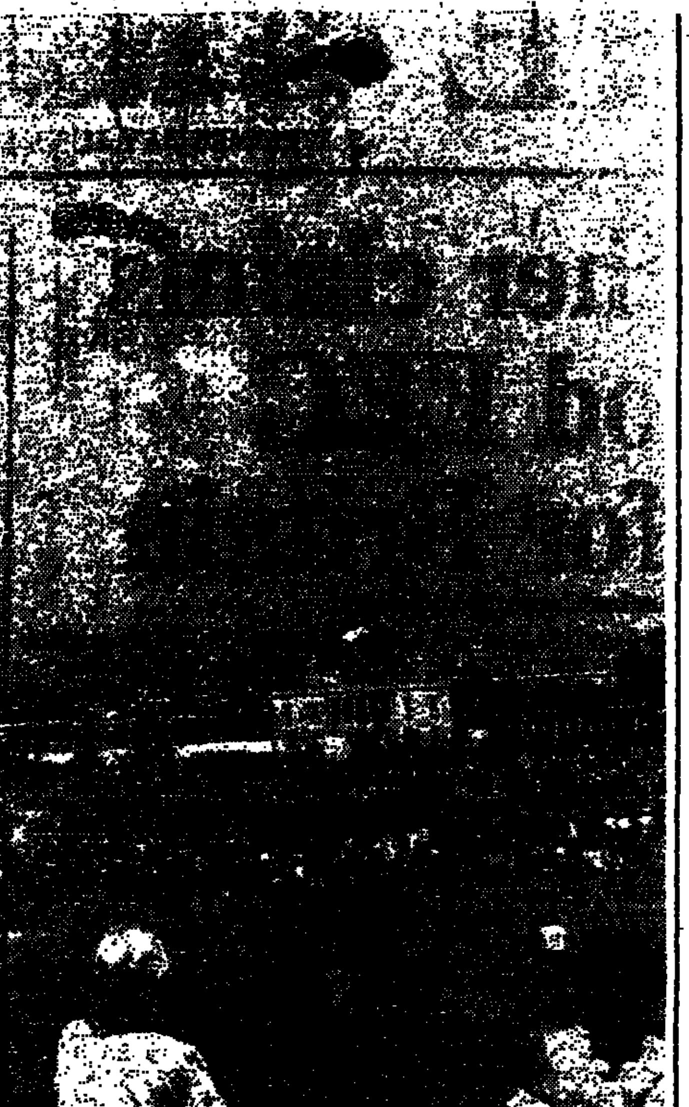
"We will be raising the issues with the medical profession an the public", Dr Balls said.

One use of the tissue could be for toxicity testing, for example of the side effects of a drug during its development.

Assesement of potential hazards from pesticides or household chemicals is another example. Tests might also be feasible using micro-organisms, such as bacteria.

Researchers also wish to use alternative to animals in discovering the beneficial effects of new drugs.

The Home Office money, the first to be given towards crearting an alternative to the use of animals in a experiments, was part of the Governments overall commitment to reducing work on animals, Mr David Mellor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, said yesterday.



Straight down the line: The RAF's Falcons parachute team, landing in Greenwich Park yesterday on the centenary of the adoption of the Greenwich Meridian as Prime Meridian.

Jaguar privatization will damage BL's prospects, MPs say

By Richard Evans

The Government's plan to privatize Jaguar was criticized yesterday by the Commons Select Committee on Trade and Industry.

In a unanimous report the Tory-dominated committee said that the amputation of the healthiest part of BL was bound to make it harder for the rest of BL to achieve viability in the next few years.

"Indeed, such a sale could prove highly detrimental to the possibility of privatizing the rest of BL in the near future. We are surprised that, whatsoever the merits of privatization from Jaguar's point of view, BL considers selling Jaguar is in the best interests of BL."

The committee said next month's sale, expected to raise between £250m and £300m and halve BL's debt, will leave the public sector with a loss-making rump. "The dangers inherent in this approach to privatization do not appear to have been grasped by the Government."

At the report's launch it was the Conservative members who were most critical about the sale of Jaguar.

Mr Kenneth Warren, Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye who is the committee chairman, said: "We feel Jaguar is such a cash generator and profit maker that BL would be better with it inside the company than having it floated away".

It would be preferable for BL to be privatized as a whole, rather than piecemeal, he said.

Sir Peter Emery, Conservative MP for Honiton, said that he was concerned that Jaguar's sale would leave open the possibility of more government funding.

"We do not think it is right to sell part of a business if it then requires a greater degree of public funding to retain the remainder."

Mr Edward Taylor, Conservative MP for Southend East, said: "Our main fear is that if you take Jaguar out of the enterprise BL will not be strong enough, viable enough, or glamorous enough to prosper."

● Austin Rover has bought control of British Leyland, Portugal. (Our Motoring Correspondent writes).

It is the company's first overseas acquisition after more than 10 years of selling off or closing down factories and sales companies in Italy, Spain, Belgium, Austria, South Africa, Australia, and Scandinavia.

The move, to be announced in Lisbon today, is further evidence of the state-owned car makers' growing confidence and determination to rebuild overseas.

Austin Rover's shareholding in British Leyland, Portugal, has been increased from 20 to 95 per cent and the company has been renamed Austin Rover Portugal. The remaining shares are retained by Eminco and J J Goncalves, who founded the company in 1972. They will concentrate on retailing.

Austin Rover regards Portugal, as a car market with considerable potential, although it is one of the smallest in Europe with 78,000 sales a year.

Livingstone aide is questioned

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Police investigating the alleged leak of a Cabinet document yesterday arrested a senior assistant to Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council. Mr Bill Bush, head of the secretariat of the council's majority Labour group, was questioned for two hours.

He was asked about document which proposed allowing direct elections to the Inner London Education Authority after the abolition of the Greater London Council. The policy was later made public by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Mr Jack Straw, an opposition spokesman on the evironment, said in the Commons later that a climate had been created in which the Special Branch could interview a person about a document unconnected with national security which embarrassed the Government.

Mr Bush said after his release, that a motor cyclist swerved in front of his car on Westminster Bridge yesterday morning. Two unmarked police cars then appeared with uniformed and plain clothes officers. Mr Bush was questioned for two hours and shown a document.

He said later that it had been signed by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, as well as by Sir Keith, it was not known at the time of the leak early this year that Mr Jenkin had endorsed direct elections in the education authority while trying to abolish them in the council. Mr Jenkin said later in the Commons that he knew nothing of the arrest.

● The Government is to tighten its legislation preparing for the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan county councils by preventing the authorities selling off assets in their final months.

Cruise convoy leaves base

A cruise missile convoy of a dozen vehicles left Greenham Common airbase at 1am yesterday. Protesters camped near the "orange gate" by the end of the runway said that there were two launchers and two command vehicles.

Several women cut the perimeter fence yesterday morning and broke into the base. Eight were charged with causing criminal damage. Another six found on the base were released without charges.

GMC study case of vet at operation

By Michael Horsnell

The General Medical Council is to consider disciplinary proceedings against a surgeon who allowed a veterinary surgeon to assist him in an operation.

A report by the South East Thames Regional Health Authority into the incident, alleging that Mr Michael Roger Williams permitted the vet to take part in a hernia operation at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury last month, has been sent to the council.

Mr Williams, who is in his early sixties, has resigned from the hospital and yesterday refused to comment.

It is understood that the vet, a friend of his who has not been named, was involved in the initial incision at the start of the operation and at the stitching afterwards.

More cases of sexual harassment

By Frances Gibb,
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A doubling of the number ofinquiries about women facing dismissal for reporting or resisting sexual harassment at work is cited in the annual report of the Equal Opportunities Commission published yesterday.

The trend is likely to continue, the commission says, as more women realise that the Sex Discrimination Act can provide some redress where a dismissal has resulted from an individual reporting or resisting such behaviour.

In one case a woman was dismissed after complaining that the area manager was continually sexually harassing staff when he was on the premises. Her trade union backed her and obtained her reinstatement. But she was victimized by both the area manager and other staff, who eventually moved after the commission took up the case.

There was also a considerable increase last year in the number of complaints and inquiries about sex discrimination

Equal Opportunities Commission 8th Annual Report, 1983 (from Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester M3 38HM, £4).

Nature still under threat, report says

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A complete change in official attitudes to conservation is needed if the destruction of Britain's natural heritage is to be halted and reversed. That is the message of an important report published yesterday by the Nature Conservancy Council and endorsed by more than 30 organizations concerned with wildlife and the countryside.

The effect of the report should be to dispel any complacency that the low point has been safely passed.

It gives credit to achievements in delineating nature reserves, safeguarding wildlife species, and protecting landscape features from destruction, and it acknowledges the growing public enthusiasm for conservation, but says that they fail to compensate for continuing destructive changes that are far more extensive than is generally recognized.

Of all the human activities that are damaging to nature, agriculture is overwhelmingly the most important because of the sheer geographical scale of its impact, it says. The damage has been particularly severe in the past 35 years because of Government policy to maximize domestic food production, reinforced by the Common Agricultural Policy of the EEC.

But forestry has also caused much loss and damage to important wildlife sites, particularly in the lowlands. So, too, have estuarine reclamation schemes and barrages, new power stations and other energy developments, water supply, road and airfield construction, the spread of conurbations and industry, mining and quarrying, waste tipping, and intrusive recreational developments.

"The annual losses of farmland to other developments exacerbate the difficulties for nature conservation by causing agriculture to compensate for the deficit through further land reclamation and intensification of crop production", the report says.

Only 0.01 per cent of public expenditure in Britain is allocated to nature conservation, little more than the price of a cup of tea for each inhabitant of one of the wealthiest nations in the world. One of the main objectives of the council is to obtain a much larger provision of money and manpower from both the public and private sectors.

Nature Conservation in Great Britain (Nature Conservancy Council, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury SY4 4TW; (£7.50).

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Sale room

£590,800 for Mannerist 'Martyrdom"

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A big painting of "The Martyrdom of St Sebastian" by Joachim Wtewael, dated 1600, was sold for 6.9m French francs (estimate Fr 1.8 – Fr 2.2m), or £590,000 to a Swiss dealer at Sotheby's Monaco sale on Monday night. The artist was a Dutchman who picked up Mannerist ideas in Italy and worked for the Emperor Rudolph II in Prague.

The huge price reflects that fact the Mannerism is the "in" thing in museum circles and this is a visually splendid example.

St Sebastian is shown in a slipping loincloth while the archers who about to shoot arrows into him tie his naked limbs to a gnarled and distorted tree. The wooded landscape behind is delightfully rendered and a cherub floats in from above. The painting was sold at Christie's in London in 1903 for £73 10s.

The sale of Old Masters, mainly selected because of their French interest, ran well beyond expectations to total £1.6m with only 7 per cent usold. Guercino's painting of Jacob being shown the coat of many colours sold for Fr 1.6m or £133,400 (estimate Fr 700,000 – Fr 900,000) to a New York dealer.

The first two Monaco sales devoted to furnishings from the collection of Florence Gould totalled a huge £2.2m with only two lots unsold. The top price was Fr1.4m (estimate Fr700,000 to Fr800,000), or £123,860, for a set of four finely carved giltwood armchairs of the Regence period with tapestry backs and seats stitched with scenes from La Fontaine's *Fables*. Among the most astonishing prices was the Fr388,500 (estimate Fr30,000 to Fr50,000), or £33,347, for a turquoise blue Chinese porcelain frog crouching on a Louis XV ormolu base with swags of ormolu foliage in his mouth.

In London on Monday night, Christie's launched the summer week of sales devoted to Impressionist and modern art with a sale totalling £1.4m of which 34 per cent was left.

The top price was £162,000 (estimate £100,000 to £140,000) for a late Sisley landscape, "L'Etang du Chevreuil" of 1888. There were no exceptional pictures in the sale, though they were the best that Christie's had got hold of. The second best were sold yesterday, totalling £278,769 with 31 per cent unsold.

Impressionist and modern drawings proved easier to sell than oil paintings: Christie's sale yesterday made £488,721 with 18 per cent unsold. A pretty outline drawing by Matisse, "Jeune fille dans le feuillage", made £56,160 (estimate £20,000 to £25,000).

Council staff still rising

Our Local Government Correspondent

The labour force in local government is continuing to grow, despite appeals for cuts from Ministers. Figures from the joint manpower watch group show that, although there has been a slight reduction in recent months, the rate of full-time employment has been sharpest among some London authorities.

The Greater London Council workforce rose by 463, or 2.2 per cent, to more than 21,000 in the 12 months to March. The Inner London Education Authority took on a further 581 employees in the same period, increasing its staff by 1.4 per cent to almost 41,000.

The Labour-led borough of Greenwich increased its workforce by 688 or 14.3 per cent to 6,937. Conservative Wandsworth went down by 338 or 7.2 per cent to 4,333. Thamesdown and Basildon, two Labour-led councils each increased their workforces by more than 3 per cent.

Some Conservative-led authorities have made deep cuts in their comparative small staffs.

Clearing up operation for Masters

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

Today's play in the match between the Soviet Union and the Rest of the World in the Shell Northern building in Dockland was devoted to clearing up adjourned games from rounds 1 and 2.

Nearly all the games, with the exception of two from round 1, had been agreed one way or the other and as a result of that the Rest of the World were leading in round one by 5 to 3 while it looked as though the Soviet Union would gain a similar lead in the games from the other rounds.

The full results of round 2 were (with Russian names first): Karpov ½, Andersson ½; Kasparov ½, Timman ½; Polugayevsky 0, Korchnoi 1; Tukmakov 1, Ljubojevic 0; Vaganian ½, Ribli ½; Bljavsky 1, Seirawan 0; Romanishin ½, Nunn ½; Razuvaiev ½, Hübner ½; Yusupov ½, Miles ½; Sokolov 1, Torre 0.

In the two adjourned games from round 1, the Soviet players were seeking to win but it was not clear how they were going to achieve that.

On the top board world champion Karpov was doing his best to break through Ulf Andersson's stout defence and on a lower board, board six, Bljavsky was trying to win with king, rook, knight, and two pawns against Seirawan's king, rook and three pawns.

London's transport will survive, says LT chairman

London's public transport system will not fall apart when the Government takes London Transport away from the Greater London Council and puts it under a new London Regional Transport body, Dr Keith Bright, LT chairman says.

In an exclusive interview with *The Times* his first since the dispute between the Government and the Greater London Council over the LRT Bill, which received Royal Assent yesterday. Dr Bright says the GLC nominees on the LT executive have been working against efficient public transport in London, and GLC warnings of closures and fare rises are without substance.

A chemist and former industrialist, Dr Bright, aged 52, is widely expected to become chairman of LRT when it takes over LT next month. He talks to Michael Baily, our Transport Editor.

The GLC claims that when LT is removed from its control there will be widespread service reductions and fare rises. What is your view?

KB: There is no substance in it at all. It is just one of the scares put out by the GLC. No. The Government have said that fare levels must be maintained constant in real terms; and we must meet our stated obligation to provide a service that matches demand.

I do not expect any reduction in services after transfer of LT to LRT. If we achieve the Government's aim of constant fares in real terms – and I am confident it can be done – there should be no real fare rise and no loss of customers.

The GLC says there will be an axing of many routes, and shutting down of a number of stations.

KB: That is pure fiction. I do not expect closure on the scale suggested by the GLC. I would expect a cold and hard look by LRT at anything that is patently uneconomic: Tube stations like Ongar, for example, where the Essex County Council has an interest.

But we shall also start additional services as we have already been doing: shoppers' specials, the Docklands Clipper, night services extended in the face of GLC opposition. A few central London stations will have to be reviewed annually.

The GLC says there will be 1,500 job losses – one in four of the *LT* workforce – within three years.

KB: The GLC take the view that job protection is good in itself. I accept that, but it must be measured against the good of lower fares and subsidies, and quality of service.

Last year the GLC arrested a programme of manpower savings to increase efficiency, which cost the rate and taxpayers £24m, or £70m in a full year. Many of those jobs were unnecessary as a result of new ticket systems on the bus and Underground such as the Travelcard. And the Monopolies Commission discovered that some LT works were very inefficient establishments; a lot of the work could be done more cheaply outside LT.

We must agree a programme to make Aldenham and Chiswick works viable; and those parts of the work that are not viable must be contracted out.

The GLC regards "privatization" as bad in itself and is automatically opposed. But we are still overstaffed – productivity in a continental undertaking like Hamburg is over 50 per cent higher than London's – and must continue to make efforts to reduce staff.

Many of our people are over 55 and the reductions can be achieved mostly without enforced redundancies. The 1984 Act will ensure that because of the competitive elements it will introduce, unless we use our manpower efficiently, much of what we do will disappear anyway.

The GLC says much of the bus and Underground system faces privatization.

KB: Privatization of the Underground is not a practical possibility. Buses are always a possibility if they are not efficient enough to meet competition. There is a real possibility of competition on many London bus routes. If it brings benefits to the travelling public in the form of cheaper fares and better services that can't be a bad thing.

The GLC describes the LRT Bill as a "disgraceful and doctrinaire attempt to dismantle and destroy London's integrated public transport system". What is your view?.

KB. The phrase disgraceful and doctrinaire could be turned right back on those who use it. The GLC has a policy of job protection at all costs; they are bleeding the tax and ratepayer to provide a level of subsidy not justified by the level of customers.

The GLC claims credit for the recent growth in passengers, and without doubt lower fares are partly responsible. But so are the Travelcard and the new zonal fares systems which were LT initiatives of the kind we can continue to expect under LRT.

Public transport systems like this must always be subsidized to a certain extent. But much depends on the level of efficiency. People are all the time improving efficiency in every walk of life.

Public transport cannot be isolated from what is happening elsewhere. Failure to recognize this will bring about the self-annihilation of the very thing they seek to protect.

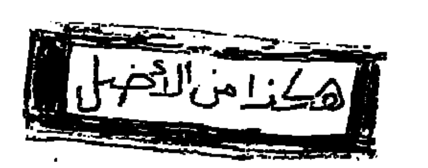
The transport authority will continue under the new legislation to provide a safe, economic, and efficient service to meet passenger demand. And I look forward to a more positive approach to running an efficient transport system in London.

Belfast man wins extradition plea

The Irish Republic's Supreme Court yesterday granted an appeal by Philip James McMahon against a High Court decision ordering his extradition to Northern Ireland.

Mr McMahon, aged 35, of Belfast, took part in a mass escape from the courthouse at Newry, co Down, in 1975.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 58; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100



VAT has 'cost 14,000 jobs at takeaways and cut sales by 20%'

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The imposition of 15 per cent Value added tax on hot take away food in the last Budget has cost at least 14,000 jobs and cut sales 20 per cent, a survey conducted by the Hot Take away Action Group says.

That represents one job lost at each fish and chip, Chinese, and chicken take away. Because some have laid off more staff the losses might be nearer 20,000 Mr John Barnes, chairman of the group, said.

The group is campaigning for modifications to the Finance Bill to halt what is being claimed to be disastrous effects on the bulk of the take away market consisting mostly of small businesses in contrast to the hamburger chains. About two thirds of hamburger chain turnover already attracted VAT because the food was eaten on the premises.

Takings at traditional outlets, such as fish and chip shops are down by a fifth on average and net profits have dropped more than 40 per cent, the survey shows. Some sales have dropped by nearly 30 per cent, with profits down by a half in areas of higher unemployment, such as the West Midlands and the North.

While hamburger outlets are expanding small businesses have not been faring as well.

Revenue raised for the Government will fall well short of its £200m annual estimate, Thornton Baker, the accountants which conducted the survey, said.

An attempt will be made at the report stage of the Finance Bill in the Commons to introduce an amendment which would impose VAT on all takeaway outlets with seating. That could bring in some sandwich bars which escape taxation because they sell cold food.

Thornton Baker suggests that that would result in the Government raising three quarters of the proposed revenue with less risk to jobs because the traditional takeaways would escape the tax and the increasing threat of job losses and closures.

Mr Barnes, managing director of the Kentucky Fried Chicken chain of 360 outlets, said: "It is untrue to suggest that business will soon return to normal for the traditional outlets. The evidence is to the contrary. Sales trends are deteriorating for the traditional outlets."

Mr Frank Holland, who has a fish and chip shop in Salford, said: "The scampi and plaice trade is gone." At Wigan, Mr George Hinchcliffe has laid off one full-time assistant and cut back severely on part-time help. "My sales are down nearly 28 per cent and profits by half."

'Little interest' in buying food for nutrition

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Housewives and mothers are less concerned with providing nutrition for their families than with buying food that is quick and easy to prepare, acceptable, and reasonably cheap, according to a survey published yesterday.

In half of the families surveyed, the main meal of the day took less than 30 minutes to make and there was only one course. Meals have become less traditional with worse table manners, less discipline and less importance attached to them.

The survey, conducted by the British Nutrition Foundation found that only 18 per cent of 400 children aged between 11 and 15 had a school meal, and 45 per cent of them said they did not have a proper meal every day. Instead showed strong preferences for snacks, including chips, crisps, "fizzy" drinks, and sweets.

During discussions of the survey at a foundation conference in Manchester yesterday Mrs Mary Tuck, a social psychologist, told delegates that it would be naive and myopic to believe that health considerations dominated food choice.

The survey indicated that many people had little interest in relating food to health. Family doctors were virtually the only source of nutritional information on which people said they ever acted.

The foundation is a charity funded by the food industry, but claiming independence from it. The survey involved 900 housewives, 100 other women, 500 men, and 400 children.

Man 'sent bomb to Thatcher'

A man accused of sending letter bombs through the post "flew into a rage" when his brother refused to believe he had sent a bomb to the former Labour MP, Mr Frank Allaun, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Patrick Smyth had always been interested in terrorist activities and liked the excitement and power involved, his brother, Mr Anthony Smyth, allegedly told the police.

Mr Patrick Smyth, aged 25, unemployed, of Charing Crescent, Westgate on Sea, Kent, is alleged to have been responsible for a letter bomb campaign in which the Prince of Wales, the Prime Minister, and eight other prominent people were targets.

He has admitted making the bombs but has denied sending them between October, 1980 and June, 1981, with intent to burn, maim, disfigure, or cause grievious bodily harm to his victims.

Mr Anthony Smyth, age 27, unemployed, of Conyngham Close, Ramsgate, Kent, has denied conspiring with his brother to make and send explosive substances.

Mr Kenneth Richardson, for the prosecution, said he had assisted his brother "in a limited extent".

Mr Richardson read extracts from Mr Anthony Smyth's alleged statement to the police. "Patrick told me he had sent a letter bomb to a Labour politician. I did not believe him at first and he flew into a rage."

Mr Patrick Smyth is alleged by Mr Richardson to have told the police after his arrest that he sent Mrs Thatcher a bomb "to make her change her mind on her policies both here and in Northern Ireland".

He allegedly said he thought there might be a chance that she would open it herself.

The trial continues today.





In the royal image: Mrs Maureen Martin showing the Queen a Prince William doll (left) at the opening of the Women's Institute's exhibition Life and Leisure '84 at Olympia, London, yesterday.

The Queen, who has been a WI member since 1943, also saw a doll costume as the Princess of Wales in her wedding dress (above). Both dolls will be on sale in a limited edition of 2,500 each.

The WI hopes the exhibition, believed to be the biggest it has held, will increase membership.

Driver says he hit child and mother

A man said yesterday that he ran down a woman and her daughter, aged two, whose body was later found in a field two miles away.

Mr Alan Lock, aged 35, married with a son aged eight, said: "I want the world to know I am not a monster – I could not help what I did".

Mary Brown died and her mother, Mrs Agnes Brown was seriously injured when Mr Lock's Renault car hit them on an unlit country road near Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday night. He had been to a barbecue at a public house.

The next day the child's body was found in a field two miles away at Seer Green.

Mrs Brown, who suffered two broken legs and head injuries, is still in a serious condition at Wycombe General Hospital.

Mr Lock, of Waller Road, Beaconsfield, said: "It was a dark evening, as I drove along I suddenly saw something in the road. I did not know what it was and after I hit it my immediate reaction was to drive on. The windscreen shattered but I just kept going."

Mr Lock refused to talk about the alleged dumping of the child's body.

He said: "I was too frightened to give myself up. On Sunday morning I went to the police station to tell them what had happened, but I came away without telling them."

General Household Survey

Men likely to get top jobs

By Colin Hughes

Young women are closing the gap in further education and job-hunting success, but men are still more likely to obtain the top jobs and early promotion, according to the 1982 General Household Survey.

Twice as many men have attended university, but more women have attended a polytechnic or college of further education.

The divide between quality and quantity of achievement remains marked. While more women have received full-time education, more men obtain qualifications.

The proportions are narrowing, however. Among 25 to 29-year-olds 68 per cent of men and 40 per cent of women in their forties.

Among those who had attended a university, men were twice as likely to have obtained a professional career. Nearly twice as many women who had no further education ended up in semi-skilled jobs.

Young people from better-off homes were more likely to continue higher education straight from school, but more sons and daughters of manual workers return to full-time education between the ages of 25 and 49.

Men were more likely to obtain qualifications through part-time study, particularly those aged 16 to 19. Two and a half times as many men have A-levels or degrees.

Nearly a quarter of those whose fathers were in professional jobs had a university education, and another 30 per cent had the better jobs, against collar jobs. Only 2 per cent of those with degrees had fathers who held a manual job.

While family background influenced educational attainment, success in full-time education also determined career achievement. The proportions of people in professional, managerial, and intermediate white-collar jobs included 94 per cent of those with degrees and 42 per cent of those with A-levels. Three quarter of those with no educational qualifications were in manual jobs.

Later promotion goes mainly to men. In the 25 to 29 age groups of men and women with similar qualifications there is now little difference in job status, but between 30 and 39 the gap widens sharply.

Among those in their late twenties 3 per cent more women had good with-collar jobs. Between the ages of 30 and 39 men overtook so that 38 per cent had the better jobs, against 27 per of women.

The survey attributes the difference to more women holding secretarial jobs with few promotion opportunities, and older women taking a break from work to bear children.

General Household Survey 1982 (Stationery Office, £13.70).

Unemployment concentrated in families

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Women whose husbands are out of work are much less likely to have a job than women with working husbands, while fathers with large families are more likely to be unemployed, the survey shows.

The statistics suggest that unemployment tends to concentrate in families and that large families among unskilled workers are particularly at risk.

The number of families where both husband and wife work has declined from 58 per cent of married couples in 1979 to 53 per cent by 1982.

Fifty-five per cent of wives with up to two children whose husband worked also had a job, while only 24 per cent of wives with up to two children worked if their husband was unemployed.

Only 15 per cent of the wives of unemployed men in families with three or more dependent children worked, against 45 per cent where the husband had a job.

The increase in unemployment down the socio-economic scale was shown by the fact that 96 per cent of professional husbands had a job, while only 67 per cent of unskilled manual husbands were in work.

Three share second Portfolio prize

London Transport provided two of the three winners in *The Times Portfolio* competition yesterday. Each winner will receive £666.67, one third of the day's £2,000 prize.

The two winners from London Transport are Mr Alan Hughes, who is a chartered accountant in the board's property arm and Mr William Myers, who works in the signal repair division in west London.

Mr Hughes, 39, was sitting at his desk during the lunch break when he discovered he had won. Since the competition started he had been supplementing his usual delivered copy with one he has bought on the way to work. He lives in Honor Oak with his schoolteacher wife.

Mr Myers joined London Transport straight from school, serving a four-year apprenticeship. He started taking the paper two years ago. He lives with his mother in Loughton, Essex.

The third winner, Mr Praful Patel, a machine operator, lives and works in Neasden.



Transports of delight: Mr Hughes (above) and Mr Myers.

Readers who have not yet obtained a *Portfolio* card should send a stamped addressed envelope to **The Times Portfolio, PO Box 40, Blackburn BB1 6AJ.**

A list of rules, instructions on how to play and how to claim are published in the information Service on today's back page.

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Elderly get help to buy own homes

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

A new scheme to help elderly people to buy their retirement homes has been launched by Britain's largest building society, the Halifax.

Their Retirement Home Plan combines low cost loans with a range of investment schemes and other services, including free standing orders and confidential advice.

The Halifax plan, designed to "improve the quality of life for Britain's millions of elderly people", comes in response to increasing demand for retirement homes.

The Halifax believes that many elderly people thinking of buying into the growing market of sheltered housing will benefit from an "interest only" loan. Payments are kept to a minimum since full repayment of the loan is required only when the property is sold or the owner dies, and under the scheme a buyer will be able to borrow up to 60 per cent of the cost or value, whichever is the lower. Under the plan, interest-only loans will also be available to present home owners wishing to make repairs or improvements to their properties.

Technology jobs boost in Scotland

By Our Technology Correspondent

Scotland is producing about half of Britain's computers and related equipment and has attracted £166m investment in the past year from foreign companies mainly in electronics, creating a potential for 3,500 new jobs. There are now 40,000 people employed in electronics.

The details were disclosed yesterday in the annual report of the Scottish Development Agency. The report says: "Scotland is extremely well placed in two key sub-sectors – semiconductors and small computer systems – which have particularly high growth".

Locate in Scotland, the bureau run by the agency and the Industry Department in Scotland, had one of its most successful years, according to the report, by attracting 54 new companies. The agency is a big investor in the electronics industry, having made in the past financial year, ended in March, 24 investments which total £2.5m.

The report says: "Cumulatively, the agency has now almost 50 investments in the electronics sector, totalling around £5m".

Computers used too narrowly in schools

By a Staff Reporter

Schools are failing to take advantage of the educational computer boom by using them as a tool for general learning, according to a report published yesterday.

More schools are buying computers, but they are most commonly used for study towards examinations in computer studies as a supplement to mathematics, rather than for finding new ways of learning in all subjects, it says.

The report by the School Inspectors (HMIs) on 35 schools covering every local education authority in Wales, found that the educational use of computers was restricted mainly to older, more able, and mostly male pupils.

The approach "unfortunately identifies the computer in the eyes of the teachers generally with a narrow specialist role unlikely to impinge their own activities", it says.

The inspectors accept that schools have been handicapped by the shortage of good educational programs, and remark that many of the most adventurous initiatives are being taken independently by enthusiastic teachers.

The report says: "There is evidence that the pressure on schools to widen the range of computer-related studies may lead to a narrowing of the curriculum at the expence of, for example, modern languages.

Engineers' image drive

Engineering companies are expected to launch a national drive to promote their industry in schools after a study published yesterday highlighting confusion about the images engineering in the classroom.

Confusion among pupils about engineering job opportunities and the nature of the work is widespread, the study commissioned by the Engineering Council, says.

The researchers found little evidence of hostile attitudes. "The general problem is not one of attitude but of ignorance".

The sutdy recommends that the engineering organizations should provide well presented and consistent information, well briefed volunteers to go into schools, and more opportunities for careers teachers to visit companies.

Telling 'tormented at school'

A former school friend of Michael Telling, who is on trial for the alleged murder of his wife, told Exeter Crown Court yesterday: "I'm here from a sense of guilt" when he came forward as a defence witness.

Mr Bertram Lilley, aged 35, who spent two years at a boarding school with Mr Telling in the 1950s, said that he telephoned lawyers after reading press reports of the case. He told the court of Mr Telling's tortured childhood.

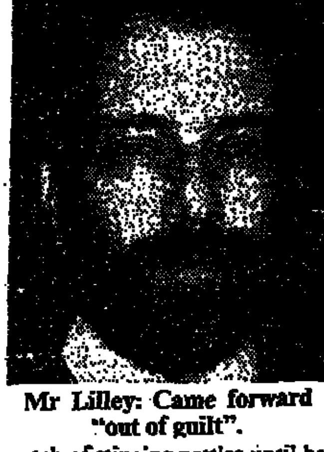
Mr Telling, aged 34, of Lambourn House, Radnage Lane, West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, has pleaded not guilty to murdering his bisexual wife, Monika Zumstag-Telling who was 27.

His plea of guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility has been rejected by the Crown.

The court has heard that Mr Telling shot his wife three times with a rifle after she taunted him about her affairs with men and women.

He kept her body in a half-built sauna before taking it to Devon, dumping it at a wooded beauty spot near Exeter, and cutting off her head with an axe.

Mr Lilley told the court that before boys at the school would let Mr Telling join in a game they forced him to roll in a patch of stinging nettles until he looked like "one large blister". But even then he could not play, because he was too bably hurt.



Mr Lilley: Came forward "out of guilt".

Mr Telling was close to tears as Mr Lilley, an insurance man from Needham Market, near Ipswich, Suffolk, gave his evidence.

Mr Lilley said that he spent two years with Mr Telling at Pinehurst School, in Kent.

He said that he had come forward "out of a sense of guilt" after reading the newspaper reports.

"I felt that Michael deserved better than to be left without anybody to come to his aid at a time when he most needed it. If nothing else, it shows that there was somebody else in the world that still cared."

Mr Lilley said that Mr Telling was expelled from Pinehurst at the age of nine after setting fire to a staircase at night.

Next morning there was a "commotion" from the principal's office. Mr Telling was being beaten with a table tennis bat. "I heard him screaming", Mr Lilley said.

He described the schoolboy Telling as "small, frail, and more than usually susceptible to colds and flu. In general, he was less robust than the rest of us.

Mr Lilley, whose parents lived in Africa at the time, once spent a half-term holiday at Mr Telling's parents' home in Dulwich, south London.

"There was little love in this house and we were left to our own devices pretty much of the time", he said. Mr Telling's mother was rarely seen during daytime.

"Even though I was at boarding school and not able to get home as frequently as Michael could, there was more love across the many miles than across the living room of that house", Mr Lilley said.

The trial continues today.

Cathedral dispute is settled

By John Witherow

A dispute over the Church of England's only mixed cathedral choir seems to have reached a settlement after an aggrieved choirmaster withdrew his resignation and accepted the separation of the sexes.

Mr Harrison Oxley, aged 51, choirmaster and organist at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at Bury St Edmunds for the past 26 years, at first announced he could not preside over the gradual removal of 21 girls from the choir to bring it into line with all-male choirs at other cathedrals.

Now he says he is prepared to accept the separation over a five-year period because a second choir will include girls and because he has received about sixty letters requesting him to stay on.

At the same time Canon Geoffrey Tarris, the precentor of the cathedral, has withdrawn from all musical activities arousing speculation that his resignation was linked to the disagreement. No one was willing yesterday to cast light on this withdrawal, beyond saying that Canon Tarris was in favour of all-male choirs.

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Irresponsible to talk in terms of general strike

COAL DISPUTE

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons, sharply rebuked a Labour MP who suggested during exchanges on the miners strike that the inexorable march towards a general strike was now under way.

It is (said Mr Biffen) highly irresponsible to speak in terms of a general strike. Those who do so invite the suspicion that there are elements today who would like to use industrial action to secure against this Government what the ballot box failed to do.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) had asked Mr Biffen to admit that the Government's anti-trade union laws were now proven to be completely unworkable, or that it intended to arrest all the miners and then all the railwaymen.

The inexorable march towards a general strike provoked by this Government is now under way.

When London comes to a complete standstill tomorrow (Wednesday), will wiser counsels prevail in the Conservative Party than those of a dictatorial Prime Minister and the ineffable and rigid Mr MacGregor, who have provoked this between them?

Can we expect the Government will now come to the negotiating table, annouce that the pit closures will stop, and discuss with the miners what we are going to do?

Mr Biffen: also replied that it was also highly damaging to make the kind of personal and inflamatory remarks against the chairman of the National Coal Board (Mr Ian MacGregor). That does nothing to assist the process of conciliation (he said).

The offer is still there for the National Union of Mineworkers to get round the negotiating table with the NCB. The sooner talks are resumed the better

Mr Terry Patchett (Barnsley, East Lab): A constituent of mine seen by millions on television being viciously truncheoned by a policeman, was not resisting arrest. There has been loss of faith in British justice by that constituent and others at the response of the Director of Public Prosecution. Is Mr Biffen prepared to condemn such police brutality?

Mr Biffen: I am willing to remind Mr Patchett that there is a police complaints procedure to which his constituent can have recourse (Labour protests and laughter). Those who jeer at my retort are part of the wider movement seeking to undermine the authority of the police.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, C): It is intolerable and perhaps ironic that the travelling public is to be inconvenienced yet again by a 24 hour strike in support of the miners, many of whom are not on strike, but at work.

Will Mr Biffen remind the chairman of British Rail that this is secondary industrial action, that there is a remedy and that he should be encouraged to seek it today.

Mr Biffen: Many will have noted what Mr Howarth says about secondary picketing and it will be passed on to the chairman of British Rail.

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C): How does Mr Biffen react to the ugly scenes seen on television last night when two working miners were savaged by a mob. How is it that after a 15 week catalogue of violence, intimidation and criminal acts, not a single picket has been sent to prison. Has the Government sufficiently taken on the fascist mafia of Arthur Scargill?

Mr Biffen: It is for those who use the rhetoric of working class unity and fraternity to excuse the disgraceful scenes on television concerning those two miners.

Mr Jack Dormand (Easington, Lab): It is a certain fact that the miners will not succumb to the Government in this dispute. Their determination grows day by day.

If the Prime Minister is not convinced of this, I invite her to come to my constituency and see it at first hand.

Does he not accept that the Government in these circumstances has any responsibility for the hardship caused to miner's wives and families?

Mr Biffen: I have no reason to doubt that social security arrangements are being applied equitably in the mining districts, as elsewhere.

Mr David Sumberg (Bury, South, C): In recent elections in the Nottinghamshire coalfield for the NUM, those who want work have kicked out of office those who want to strike, including the brother of Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab).

Is that not the real reason why that so-called tribune of the people has failed to follow the Churchillian maxim: "Trust the people".

Mr Biffen I am sure that we can make our own judgments and inferences but one thing is clear, the central feature of the dispute is that it divides mining community from mining community. That is part of the explanation of the frustrated bitterness shown by Mr Arthur Scargill and his supporters.



Biffen: Disgraceful scenes on television

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): At the Bolsover elections, five of the miners out of eight who have been on strike were reelected. So they have a majority. The NUM secretary of Welbeck, who has been on strike since day one, was reelected, and as for my brother, he has been nominated by Nottinghamshire NUM as parliamentary candidate for Sherwood division, a constituency currently held by a Tory (Conservative cheers) and after the next election, two Skinners will be sitting here instead of one. (laughter)

Mr Biffen: I am not sure whether my immediate reaction is that it pleases the Leader of the Opposition, but by God it pleases me. (Laughter). I should like to pay respect to the family contribution which will secure that Sherwood will remain a Tory seat.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Select Committee on Home Affairs report on Representation of the People Acts.

Lords (2.30): Debate on civil aviation. Video Recordings Bill, third reading.

Stop and search in uniform

POLICE BILL

By two votes the Government suffered a defeat on the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill when an Opposition amendment that police officers carrying out stop and search duties should be in uniform was carried by 121 votes to 119 during the committee stage in the House of Lords.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, former Lord Chancellor, moving the amendment, said the clause gave power to a police constable to stop and search anyone anywhere at any time if he had reasonable grounds for suspecting he would find stolen articles.

Those were considerable powers and statistics showed that last year in London alone there had been a million instances of stop and search. Projecting that throughout the country, millions of people would be affected.

As the Bill stood, it would be a plain clothed citizen approaching another citizen at night on his lawful passage, and stopping him and interfering with his free passage. That would create a state of immediate confrontation.

The amendment would mean the officer approaching would be in uniform so it would be apparent straight away he had lawful reason for stopping and questioning another citizen.

Added to the danger of confrontation created by the action of a plain clothed officer, there would be a state of apprehension because of the number of muggings in city centres. That fear would be avoided by the amendment.

Lord Plant (Lab), who represents the Police Federation, said he had discussed the issue with the federation and they were bitterly opposed to the amendment because a CID officer, who would obviously not be in uniform, would not be able to carry out stop and search. That was stupid.

Whose side are we on (he said) – the side of the police, the public or the criminal? We have to be clear at the outset whose side we are on.

It would not be in the interests of the public to carry the amendment but it would be in the interests of the criminal. There was no need for apprehension by ordinary law-abiding citizens.

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, said he could imagine the feelings of an innocent person when he was accosted by an individual in plain clothes and told he was going to be searched.

It suggested the need for an officer to produce his warrant card and to explain the reason for his conduct.

On the whole I do not favour the amendment (he said). The safeguards provided later in the Bill by the individual having to justify himself and produce a warrant card and explain what it is he wants, is just sufficient safeguard to warrant the Bill going forward as it is.

Lord Elton, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said a later Government amendment would provide a power and a duty on the Secretary of State to create a code of conduct for officers carrying out stop and search duties.



Denning: Sufficient safeguards in the Bill

The Government was sympathetic to the anxieties that had been raised and recognized the dangers that had been mentioned. But they believe there was sufficient control provided in the Bill to overcome those anxieties. The amendment would weaken the position.

The code of practice being proposed would be enforceable under the disciplinary code.

If officers had to be in uniform it would inhibit CID officers, who did not wear uniform, from carrying out stop and search operations, which were an important part of their duties. The Bill, as it stood, provided sufficient balance.

● Later, **Lord Gifford** (Lab) moved an amendment which would prevent the police from searching for offensive weapons. He said such new powers would need far more justification, were unnecessary and would cause conflict.

The amendment was withdrawn after debate.

Revised Trident cost coming next spring

DEFENCE

Britain had secured from the United States an agreement that British companies would be free in many cases to tender for part of the Trident programme, which was 45 per cent American procured, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, said during Commons questions.

Mr Ernest Roberts (Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Lab) had asked if Mr Heseltine was happy that only £4.6m of the actual contracts for Trident would go to British companies.

What is Mr Heseltine doing (he asked) to ensure that only 45 per cent of the contracts are allocated to US firms?

Mr Heseltine said this was an important point. After mentioning the agreement with the Americans, he said an important caveat, however, was that this was an established programme, and it was relatively difficult for outside contractors to break into such an existing set of arrangements.

Earlier, Mr Heseltine had said that the estimate of the cost of Trident which he announced in March, £8,729m, was that which by convention was used for this year's re-costing of the defence programme.

The estimate (he added) will be reviewed in the context of the 1985 long term costings and I will announce the revised figure to Parliament next spring. Since I made my announcement in March there have been movements in the assumptions in both directions.

Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab said the Select Committee on Defence had a more realistic estimate of about £9,400m.

Does he think (he added) that effective space-based anti-ballistic missile systems could negate what we have in mind to do with Trident.

Mr Heseltine: That space-based system is very much a research project and nobody knows if it is technically feasible or will enter service. We cannot base a defence strategy on that hypothesis.

The select committee had considered the changing exchange rates. But they could not know the exchange rates at the next update or during the life of the Trident programme.

Mr Kevin McNamara, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said the select committee had said that if the Star Wars concept took place, and it looked as if it would, it would negate the need and purpose of Trident.

At what point of the development of Trident would Mr Heseltine have to decide to go ahead or negate it?

Mr Heseltine: The Government has taken a decision to go ahead with Trident and we are committed to it. We are spending money on it and intend to see the policy through.

We have now had the nuclear deterrent (he said later) for nearly four decades and have lived in peace. The coincidence does not escape any independent observer of the scene.

Mr Denzil Davies, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament: He told the Select Committee a few weeks ago that neither side would contemplate using nuclear weapons in any rational judgment because of their horrendous nature.

If he accepts that he is a rational man, as I am sure he is, does that mean that as a rational man he would not contemplate the use of Trident or any other nuclear weapon? If that is the case, what does that do to the Government's theory of deterrence?

Mr Heseltine: I am as rational as members of the previous Labour Government, but that seems a pitfall into which I did not want to leap. No responsible Secretary of State would spell out in advance the hypothetical circumstances in which the nuclear deterrent would be put to use.

The whole purpose is to deter and in that it has been extraordinarily successful.

● Mr Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, also told the Commons that there would not be any change in targeting policy or strategy of the United Kingdom's strategic forces as a result of the acquisition of Trident.

He said during questions that the Government had made clear in the open Government document *The Future UK Strategic Nuclear Deterrent Force* that the British concept of deterrence was concerned essentially with an ability to pose a potential threat to key aspects of Soviet state power.

That concept (he said) will remain the basis of our approach when Trident enters service.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab): The Trident 2 D5, unlike Polaris, is capable of destroying Soviet missiles in their silos. That might not be the purpose of the British Government but it is destabilizing.

Mr Heseltine: I wish Labour MPs, before telling us about destabilization in our deterrent system, would spend more time concentrating on the threat we face from the Soviet Union.

Variable tests for rate capping

RATES BILL

An accusation against the Government that it intended to continue designating local authorities for rate capping year after year came in the Commons as MPs discussed Lords amendents to the Rates Bill which gives the Government power to limit rates increases by what it considers to be high spending authorities.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, made the charge after **Mr Patrick Jenkin**, Secretary of State for the Environment, moved the first of a group of Lords amendments to allow the Government to apply separate criteria to the selection of authorities for rate limitation if those authorities had been selected for limitation in the previous year.

The first Lords amendment was carried by 243 votes to 188 – Government majority, 55, and a related amendment was carried by 244 to 190 – Government majority, 54.

Mr Jenkin said that in the first year at least he expected to have regard to performance against spending targets. He could not yet say exactly how he would set out the criteria.

If the same selection criteria were to be used in the second year as had been used in the first year, many authorities selected in year one would find themselves automatically escaping selection a second time because they had met the criteria of having shown restraint in their spending.

But that would be contrary to common sense. They may be spending excessively by any reasonable test, certainly spending high as compared with other comparable authorities.

They might be capable of making substantial further economies if given the time. The performance in relation to the target would have resulted from the rate and not from any change of heart.

This would not necessarily reflect any credit on the authority and would not say anything about their future spending. There might be no sensible ground for refusing to select an authority in the second year in such circumstances.

So the Government must have power to have separate principles for these authorities.

It was impossible at this stage to say clearly how the power would be used. It might be possible for authorities to use accounting devices to make short-term improvements in their spending performance, and the Government wanted to be sure that any alternative criteria did not give scope for such manupulations.

Dr J Cunningham said the amendments were disturbing because Mr Jenkins was further widening his powers of control over democratically-elected local authorities. The minister wanted the ability to go on designating an authority year after year and to tailor the criteria to be used to suit his own purposes and to change it time after time.

This (he said) is really Big Brother in action. I think the amendments stink.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) said the amendments made the mesh of the Secretary of State's net a good deal finer. A local authority could have year after year of rate capping in which the Secretary of State would be moving the finishing post time after time.

Mr Jenkin said that nothing would entitle him to decide the criteria so at to keep out Conservative authorities and cap Labour authorities.

Questions by Labour on Americans

The arrangements for basing American Poseidon submarines at Holy Loch have not been changed but are kept under constant review in relation to operational needs, **Mr John Stanley**, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said in the Commons.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) asked: Will the minister give an absolute guarantee that none of these Poseidon submarines will be either modified in any way or retrofitted in order to carry Trident missiles and be based at Holy Loch or anywhere else in this country?

Mr Stanley: I know of no proposal to do so. If the United States had any proposal they would, of course, put it to us.

Later in defence questions, Mr Stanley was asked repeatedly by Labour MPs about the presence of American military units in Britain and the powers of their commanders.

The spirit and tenure of many of the questions of Labour MPs (he said) is hardly encouraging our American allies to continue their present level of presence in this country.

Protests at minister's comment

TRAIN CRASH

Labour MPs complained to the Speaker that remarks made by Mr David Mitchell, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, about the likely cause of the recent railway accident at Morpeth, when replying to a private notice question on the subject in the Commons yesterday, were in breach of the House's sub judice rules and could prejudice the inquiry now under way.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said this was a departmental inquiry and he was responsible for ruling on sub judice matters only in relation to cases awaiting adjudication in a court.

[On Monday Mr Mitchell had said: "The cause of the accident seems likely to have been excessive speed on entering the curve".]

The matter was raised on a point of order by **Mr Roland Boyes** (Houghton and Washington, Lab) who said Mr Mitchell should withdraw his outrageous remarks as it was going to be difficult to have a free, fair and independent inquiry because the minister had pre-judged the outcome.

Mr John Ryman (Blyth Valley, Lab) said the accident occurred within a few miles of his constituency. He believed there had been a breach of the sub judice rule. The rules of the House prevented comment by ministers on matters which were sub judice.

The allegation that the cause of the accident was excessive speed inhibited the inspector conducting the inquiry. The minister had made the whole point of the inquiry useless.

Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian, Lab) said the train driver was one of his constituents. He implored the Speaker to do whatever he could to protect individual citizens from the type of indiscretion which appeared to have been made.

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab) said the question of whether the sub judice rule had been breached was a question for the Speaker. In the light of representations made today and the prejudice that might arise for the individual concerned, the Speaker should consider the matter afresh.

The Speaker: It is a departmental inquiry. It is not before the courts. If it were before the courts it would be a different matter.

Mr Peter Shore, Opposition spokesman on Commons affairs, said he believed there was not a proper distinction to be made between a court of law and a tribunal appointed to carry out the same function as a court of law. The tribunal was just as capable of being prejudice as a court of law and the Speaker was duty bound to give a view.

The Speaker: The sub judice resolutions passed on July 23, 1963 specifically refer to matters which are awaiting or are under adjudication in a civil court and say these should not be referred to. This is a departmental inquiry.

I am sure the Government chief whip (Mr John Wakeham), who is in the Chamber, will have heard what has been said.

Wide support for Dartmoor Bill

ENVIRONMENT

The Dartmoor Commons Bill set out to improve management of the grazing, while guaranteeing the traditional commoners' rights and allowing access to walkers and horse riders, **Mr Anthony Steen** (South Hams, C) said during its second reading debate in the Commons.

He added that the commons suffered from massive overgrazing at the edges and massive undergrazing at the centres.

The Bill would deal with the management and welfare of the animals grazing on the commons. It would also set up a Commoners' Council to oversee commoners' rights.

A Commoners' Commissioner was at present determining the ownership of commoners' rights and registration, although a further commissioner was needed to help with the process.

Each commoner, under the Bill, would pay 30p per annimal towards the cost of the council

The public would have the right to walk or horse ride over the commons. In the 1980 Bill only walkers' rights were included. The National Parks Authority would have the power to regulate which tracks were used by riders, in consultation with the horse riding interests.

The Duchy of Cornwall owned about 50 per cent of the commons and had agreed recently that walkers and riders should have a statutory right of access to the land.

The National Parks Authority could restrict access in order to protect ancient monuments or young trees.

The Bill gave the Commoners' Council power to plant clumps of trees, but they would have to be indigenous – hawthorn, ash or oak. They would be sited to give animals protection during the winter months. Environmentalists had expressed concern at the prospect of tree clumps springing up all over the moor. But the council would have to pay for the trees, and the prospect the livestock industry and wildlife on the moor.

Sir Peter Mills (West Devon, and Torridge, C) said most of Dartmoor was in his constituency. The need for the Bill was obvious, particularly to those living and working in the area. Some control in these modern times was necessary. It was wrong to condemn Dartmoor farmers as a whole. Only a small minority made things unpleasant for the rest. Most farmers were hard working and cared about their stock.

Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Consrtcion, said it had been a difficult task to reconcile the different interests, but he believed this Bill had achieved the right balance and had a wider measure of support than its predecessor.

The Common Land Forum hoped to report in the latter part of next year and this might lead to another Bill on common land, but the present Bill should not be delayed because of this.

The Bill was read a second time.

Schools told to lock solvents away from glue-sniffers

By Colin Hughes

Up to one in ten teenagers may have tried glue-sniffing, the Government warned schools yesterday.

Teachers are told in a Department of Education and Science safety bulletin to ensure that solvents are locked away and to keep a close check on how much is handed out and returned during lessons.

Glue-sniffing, the department says, is more widespread than is generally believed and is not confined to inner cities. Children of all age groups and social classes try it, with boys outnumbering girls by three to one.

The 10 per cent of children aged between 12 and 17 who the department says may have tried glue-sniffing include those who have used solvents only once or twice.

Chemistry laboratories and domestic science buildings should have locked cupboards for storing solvents, and, along with typewriter correction fluid in secretarial lessons, should be counted when handed out.

Each school should have a policy on dealing with solvent abuse. Although most schools avoid discussion of glue-sniffing in their health education programmes because it might encourage experiments, the department recommends strategies for health education if it is a serious problem in the school.

More generally, the department suggests dealing with glue-sniffers individually and bringing parents in at the start.

Teachers are also advised to notice symptoms such as reddened, watery eyes, a runny nose, mouth rashes, irritable coughs, slurred speech, loss of concentration and appetite and poor work and attendance. The bulletin says that concern has deepened after a series of daths among young people in recent years. They usually arise from accidents when intoxicated, causing suffocation, damage to lungs, inhalation of vomit, or acute heart irregularity.

Stringfellow loses fight over chip name

The night-club owner, Mr Peter Stringfellow, yesterday lost an attempt in the court of Appeal to stop a chip from being given his name.

He has fought for more than a year to prevent McCains, a company which makes oven-ready chips, from calling its new product Stringfellows.

Last December, a High Court judge banned McCain's from using the name.

But the Court of Appeal yesterday allowed McCain's appeal against the decision, ordered Mr Stringfellow to pay the legal costs, and refused him leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Lord Justice Slade, sitting with Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Stephenson, said he did not think the use of the name was likely to mislead the public, who were familiar with the name of Mr Peter Stringfellow or his club, into thinking there was any association.



"La Toilette de Venus", on display at Manchester City Art Gallery.

A voluptuous exhibition of Bouchers

The first exhibition in Britain of the work of Francois Boucher, voluptuous court painter to Louis XV of France, was opened at the Manchester City Art Gallery yesterday by the French ambassador, M Emmanuel de Margerie (our Sale Room Correspondent writes).

With Watteau, Boucher was the towering genius of the French eighteenth century. His work is superbly represented in the Wallace collection on London, but the National Gallery is ill supplied and his work is hardly found north of Watford.

The Boucher exhibition is a coup for Mr Tim Clifford, director of the Manchester gallery, who has borrowed all but one of the Boucher paintings owned by the Nationalmuseum in Stockholm, almost all of its drawings and a fine selection of prints.

Stockholm is exceptionally well supplied with Boucher's work because Count Tessin, the elder statesman who guided the country's fortunes in the eighteenth century, was ambassador to Paris, becoming a close friend of Boucher and his wife.

The Bouchers have been sent in return for the Turners which Manchester sent to Stockholm this year.

Mansion House tower 'would overheat'

The performance of the proposed office tower for Mansion House, in the City of London, was challenged yesterday by Professor Geoffrey Broadbent, head of Portsmouth School of Architecture (our Architecture Correspondent writes).

He told the public inquiry, in its ninth week at Guildhall, that advocates of the design, by Mies van der Rohe, had spoken almost entirely in terms of the 21-storey, 290ft tower's appearance and symbolism, not about how it worked environmentally.

He said: "Mies was concerned with 'pure form' and really did not care in the slightest degree about the comfort, the convenience, the well being of the building's users.

"They could fry in the summer freeze in the winter, suffer noise and every other inconvenience simply in the interests of pure form", Professor Broadbent said.

Lords have ability and will to win

The Commons chamber has been buried in a landslide and Commons' committees fight an unequal contest against a Whitehall machine jealously protecting its power. ANTHONY BEVINS, Political Correspondent, finds that the real balance of parliamentary opposition has shifted to the Lords.

The Labour peers in the Lords have a number of distinct advantages over their colleagues in the Commons.

They are not subjected to the same constituency and conference pressures; they are not overwhelmed by the same caseload of constituents' problems; they have a leader, Lord Cledwyn, who became an MP before Mr Kinnock left primary school, and has the experience to match; and they are essentially the only solidly moderate Labour group left in the country.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher appreciates power too much to be swayed by the massed arguments of her critics. That is the essential frustration of the Commons. The moderate and highly experienced Lords coalition of Labour, Alliance, crossbench and rebel Tory peers, has forged the only effective opposition at Westminster, simply because it can muster the votes to amend and defeat the Government's proposals.

Lord Cledwyn says: "The Lords are rising to the challenge of providing a sharp and critical opposition, and the fact that we have won over 50 divisions against the Government since 1979, mainly on significant issues, shows that our activity is justified."

But Labour and the Alliance could not have achieved so much without one other second chamber ingredient: the crossbench peers.

Lady Hylton-Foster is the convener of the 209-strong group of Lords crossbenchers and more often than not, when the Government is beaten in the Lords, she is one of those who have voted against them. She is also the daughter of one Commons Speaker and the widow of another and a thorough-going parliamentarian.

She voted with the Government on the second reading of the local government paving Bill, which the Government won by 20 votes. She voted against them on postal ballots for union executives, on which the Government was defeated by 20 votes.

Just how do ministers react to Lady Hylton-Foster and her independent-minded colleagues? She says: "They woo us from time to time, but they don't love us. We are quite unpredictable. The Government can never be sure which way we will go. We can't be sure until we have listened to the argument."

How long is it since an MP honestly made such a comment?

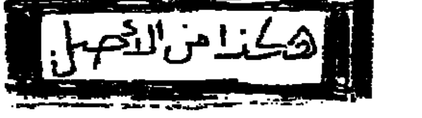
As for their role, Lady Hylton-Foster says: "We regard ourselves as a revising chamber. Legislation is thoroughly revised here".

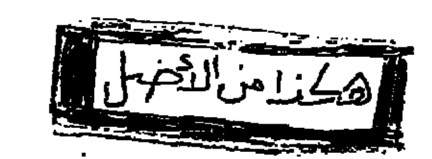
The number of government defeats in the Lords is increasing, and, increasingly, the peers are sitting when the MPs have gone home for the night.

But they also have one other advantage over the Commons: they have agreed that their proceedings should be televised.

The Commons has been ousted as the focal point of effective opposition. They are now being threatened where it must hurt most; in terms of hard publicity. May be the competition will do them good.

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Havana's conciliatory gesture to Washington

Castro gives Jackson rare honour of personal airport welcome

Havana (Reuter) – President Castro of Cuba gave the black US civil rights leader, the Rev Jesse Jackson, the rare honour of a personal welcome at Havana airport – and expressed a measure of good will towards Washington.

Mr Jackson, running a distant third to Mr Walter Mondale and Senator Gary Hart in the race for a Democratic presidential nomination, arrived in Cuba from El Salvador on the third leg of a Central American peace mission.

Dr Castro strode forward to shake hands with a beaming Mr Jackon at the foot of the airliner steps.

Asked at a brief airport news conference why he had invited Mr Jackson to visit, Dr Castro replied: "I invited him out of our friendship with the United States. He honours us with his visit."

Asked if he would do anything during the visit to improve icy US-Cuban relations, Dr Castro said: "possibly". Diplomats said his appearance at the airport was a rare honour for a non-head of state.

Before his arrival, Mr Jackson said he would appeal to Dr Castro to free at least 20 alleged political prisoners. He said in Panama on Monday that such a gesture would be a big step towards normalizing relations with the United States.

President Reagan has accused Dr Castro of threatening peace in Central America, supporting left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador and acting as a proxy for Soviet subversion.

Mr Jackson said at the airport that the United States and Cuba "must renew their friendship and ties".

"We must talk with each other, not at each other and turn to each other, not on each other. Whatever conflicts there may have been in the past, we must forgive each other, redeem each other , respect each other and move on. We nust give peace a chance."

Dr Castro in his customary green fatigues, smiled warmly at Mr Jackson when they met. They then posed for cameras, clasping hands.

They are due to hold four hours of talks today on topics ranging from Central America to the alleged Cuban political pprisoners.

Jackson aides have speculated that Dr Castro night free some detainees as a result of Mr Jackson's plea, but admitted they had no firm indication of such a move.

● SAN SALVADOR: Mr Jackson's peace mision to El Salvador stumbled when he met President Duarte, who made it clear he can see no magic solution to El Salvador's deep-rooted problems (John Carlin writes).

Mr Jackson arrived with a proposal for negotiations made by left-wing rebels, who are now into their fifth year of war against the government.

In meetings with Mr Jackson in Panama at the weekend, leaders of the rebels proposed talks with President Duarte aimed at a ceasefire.

But when Mr Jackson arrived in San Salvador to convey the message, President Duarte responed with circumspection.

Showing little enthusiasm for this latest in a series of recent rebel peace guesture, he said at a news conference: "I have to be very careful in taking steps towards peace".

President Durate said he perceived a new sincerity in the rebels' tone, but made it clear he did not feel the situation was ripe yet for dialogue.



Peace mission: Mr Jackson, earlier on his Central American tour, listening to President Duarte of El Salvador.

Senate trims $21m off aid to the contras

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The Republican-controlled Senate has bowed to political reality in an election year and deleted $21m (£15.5m) in additional aid for right wing Nicaruguan rebels to clear the way for a Bill to increase spending for popular domestic programmes.

A Senate vote of 88-1 on Monday night stripping the Bill of the extra aid for the Nicaraguan conras was a defeat for President Reagan. He had said initially he would veto the $1.1 billion supplementary Bill if funds for rebels fighting the left-wing Sandinista Government were deleted.

But Mr Howard Baker, the Republican Senate leader, said President Reagan had come to accept the deletion a it became apparent that if White House supporters insisted on keeping the aid to contras in the Bill they would probably lose.

The Bill includes $100m for summer youth jobs and $845m for child nutrition.

The House of Representatives, which has a Democrat majority, last month rejected by 241-177 the extra $21m aid for the contras, which is channeled through the Central Intelligence Agency.

The White House spokesman, commenting on the Senate's tactical retreat, said the Administration would seek congressional action on all its Central America funding requests, but he did not say when and how.

Meanwhile, Señor Roberto DeAubuisson, the Salvadorean right-wing opposition leader, has described as "sheer garbage" reports that he may have been involved in a murder plot last month against Mr Thomas Pickering the US ambassador in El Salvador.

US and Nicaraguan envoys meet secretly in Mexico

Mexico City (NYT) – Representatives of the United States and Nicaragua met under tight security on Monday at the Mexican Pacific resort of Manzanilla, according to diplomats in the region.

The delegations, led by Mr Harry Shlaudeman, President Reagan's special envoy to Central America, and Señor Victor Hugo Tinoco, a Nicaraguan Deputy Foreign Minister, were expected to continue meeting yesterday if there were any signs of progress.

There was no official word on what was being discussed. Mexico's Foreign Ministry said on Monday that Señor Bernardo Sepulveda Amor, the Foreign Minister was on hand to give a cordial welcome to the officials and then returned to Mexico City.

The State Department in Washington and the US Embassy in Mexico City declined to comment on the meetings. The Nicaraguan Embassy here said there was no one present who could answer questions.

The Reagan Aministration has previously demanded that Nicaragua should stop what it describes as "The export of revolution" to El Salvador, remove its Cuban and Soviet military advisers, reduce its military strength so that it is more in line with that of other countries in the region and honour its committments on human rights.

The Nicaraguans have called for an end to US support for the Nicaraguan "coutias" trying to overthrow the Sandinista Government, as well as an end to the military manoeuvres it has sponsored in the area.

A strict official silence was being maintained over the current round of meetings although Mexican reporters said they had seen Mr Shlaudeman disembarking from an aircraft at the Pacific resort on Sunday.

Mr Harry Bergold, the US ambassador to Nicaragua, was reported by official sources to have been in Manzanillo on Monday.

● MADRID: Leaders of Nicaragua's opposition said here yesterday that "elections would be a farce in Nicaragua in present circumstances" (Harry Debelius writes).

At a news conference Señor Enrique Bolanos, the president of the Superior Council of Private Enterprise, in Nicaragua, invited comparison of the Sandinista Government's present electoral law and the text of the ousted Somoza dictatorship's electoral law. "Obviously, the Sandinista law is even worse than Somoza's".

Clashes mar opening of Zimbabwe Parliament

From Stephen Taylor
Harare

Ugly scenes marked the opening of the Zimbabwe Parliament's fifth session here yesterday when supporters of Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu (PF) party turned on members of the minority parties who booed the arrival of the Prime Minister and President Canaan Banana.

Police broke up the disturbances, the first in the capital since rising political tension set off factional clashes two weeks ago in the Midlands region in which at least eight died and several demonstrators were beaten up.

About 50 supporters of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu party and the United African National Council (UANC) chose the opening of the last parliamentary session before next year's election for a rare public display of disaffection with the Government. Placards protested at food shortages and the detention without trial of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the UANC leader, and senior Zapu officials.

The violence started soon after Presdent Banana followed Mr Mugabe into the house of Assembly. UANC and Zapu supporters were singled out by the crowd and at least eight were beaten before they were removed by police. An eyewitness said he saw police reservists punch an elderly man wearing a UANC T-shirt after he had already been beaten.

Since the weekend the Government has urged restraint on its supporters from making attacks on minority party members and their property. But in the lead-up to the crucial Zanu (PF) congress in August and the election, further factional violence seems inevitable.

In his address, President Banana promised a crackdown on corruption

Mediator's plan for shorter working week may end strike

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The mediator in the West German metalworkers' strike over shorter working hours has proposed a 38½-hour working week with no pay penalties, to take effect from April.

Herr Georg Leber told a press conference yesterday in Ludwigsburg, near Stuttgart, that he had recommended that workers should at the same time be given a 3.9 per cent wage increase to make up for loss of income because of the shorter week, plus a 2 per cent general pay rise for the metal industry.

Herr Leber's statements followed a 21-hour meeting of the arbitration commission, on which both sides in the 45-day conflict are represented. He said that the one and a half hour cut in the current 40-hour week should operate for 18 months, until the end of September, 1986.

Leaders ofthe employers' association, Gesamtmetall, and the IG Metall trade union yesterday declined to make any immediate comment on the proposal. The arbitration commission was due to have further talks. But if Herr Lever's recommendations, including an early ballot of IG Metall members, are accepted by both sides, the strike could be over by the end of this week.

Herr Leber also proposed that metalworkers should receive a 3.3 per cent wage increase from July 1 this year, plus a special settlement payment of about £62.

● Freedom asserted: A Soviet attempt to curtail adverse comment by the ILO Freedom of Association Committee – which assesses countries' compliance with international labour conventions – fizzled out at the International Labour Conference which yesterday ended a three-week annual session (writes Alan McGregor from Geneva).

Envoy visits arrested Britons in Tripoli

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

The British Vice-Consul in Tripoli has been allowed to see five of the six Britons who have been detained in Libya for up to 10 weeks. But there is still no prospect of their early release, and no explanation of why they have been held for so long without being charged.

Mr George Anderson, who heads the two-men British interests section which is all that remains of the British Embassy since relations were severed two months ago, has reported that the five men are being kept in two government buildings in Tripoli.

They all told him they were being well fed, had acess to medical facilities and had not been physically ill-treated since their arrest.

Now Britain is pressing for access to the sixth man, named as John Campbell. Sources believe he was omitted only because of an "oversight" by the Libya authorities.

Consular access was finally granted one week after the latest appeal by the Italian Ambassaor in Tripoli to the Libyan Foreign Minister Dr Ali Treiki.

Italy has been representing Britain since April.

Opposition orders silent protest in Uruguay

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

A coalition of opposition groups is organizing a general strke in Uruguay to mark the eleventh anniversary of military rule and to demand "democracy, liberty and elections without restrictions".

Uruguayans are being asked by the organizers to reamin indoors all day. The "civil strike" is expected to paralyse the country, even thugh it has been declared illegal by the Government.

It comes after a week of demonstrations designed to intensify pressure on the military to release the leader of the Blanco party, Señor Wilson Ferreira Aldunate, and to lift restrictions on the general elections

On Monday a "noise protest" was rated a "complete success" by opposition sources. People were told to honk car horns, beat tin cans and turn up the volume of radios

Amnesty reports execution of 1,699 last year

By Our Foreign Staff

At least 1,699 people were executed in 39 countries last year, Amnesty International said yesterday in a statement unveiling the latest statistics

Appealing for abolition of the penalty, which it described as "the ultimate cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment", Amnesty said its figures represented only known cases. It feared that the real total could be far higher.

Mitterrand takes summit guests on tour of his European dream world

From Ian Murray, Fontainebleau

The Fontainebleau summit, President Mitterrand decided well in advance, was not going to be dominated by the British budget problem. After the failure of the Brussels summit to resolve the issue he was determined to keep the whole subject on the back burner and to work for settlement of other significant issues facing the Community. Britain connived in this decision by itself keeping quiet.

In the run-up to the meeting French ministers repeated the view that the budget was merely one problem awaiting settlement. It was not to be seen as a threat to the Community's future.

This low-key approach meant that President Mitterrand scarcely mentioned the subject throughout the first day. The ministers had a very social lunch in the château, then a rather leisurely look at world problems.

Mrs Thatcher reported on the London summit, President Mitterrand described his journey to Moscow, and Chancellor Kohl rambled on about his travels in Hungary.

All the time the British awaited a presidency proposal on the budget, but it never came. At 6 pm on Monday the president launched a discussion on "community topics."

That was the moment for M Roland Dumas, the President's right-hand man on European affairs – and a likely future Foreign Minister of France – to give a brief rundown on the state of budget negotiations. It did not take long, and recalled the impasse reached in Brussels and the behind-the scenes work *done since to narrow the gap.*

Then he suggested a simplified scheme giving Britain an automatic rebate plus a percentage of other payments. The suggestion was very unattractive to Mrs Thatcher and she showed signs of leading the discussion into a logjam.

It was suggested that the summit was no fit place for such a subject. Foreign ministers were invited to discuss it over dinner. The summit then had the chance to give a good airing to the problems of enlargement to include Spain and Portugal and to agree that the target date for finishing negoiations had slipped from September 30 to October 31.

Off they went into the forest for dinner, still terribly informal and relaxed. The Foreign Ministers obviously did not want to spoil their good meal with the indigestible budget problem.

The French President led his guests on a conducted tour of his European dream world. He spoke of a Europe without customs barriers, flying a flag to which its citizens sang a European anthem and for service to which they were awarded European honours. They would cheer for European sports teams, watch a European television channel, and listen to a European radio service.

After dinner the ministers turned with no great relish to the budget problem. They were agreeing amicably enough to differ when President Mitterrand strolled in. He was unworried when he learnt that nothing was moving. It did not really matter that much, he assured them. They might have another look at it in the morning.

But during the night the French and British began exchanging more ideas. he British signalled that they werprepared to accept a straight percentage offer provided the figure was high enough and provided some recognition was made of its ability to pay.

In the morning the European family lined p in the *Cour des Adieux* of the Château for a photograph. The real negotiation was at last to begin.

Ideas flew in from all sides as each country tried to devise a scheme to lessen the inevitable national consequences of any settlement.

Finally, Mrs Thatcher, it was said, had made a concession. From then on it was downhill to a settlement.

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Fitzgerald to see Thatcher

The decision to hold an Anglo-Irish summit, probably in Dublin, later this year met a predictable response in Northern Ireland. The Rev Ian Paisley warned that if any steps were taken along lines proposed in the New Ireland Forum Report there would be resistance from Unionists.



Party peacemakers: Senator Edward Kennedy, who announced yesterday's meeting, with Mr Mondale

Mondale and Hart agree to truce over breakfast

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington




Mr Walter Mondale and Senator Gary Hart, bitter rivals during the past four months of Democratic Party primary campaigning, yesterday shook hands and made up in an attempt to ensure a peaceful nominating convention in San Francisco next month and a united front against President Reagan in the November elections.

Although their breakfast meeting in New York was said to have concentrated on working out the mechanics of a compromise agreement on the diversive issue of "tainted delegates" and not to have dealt with the question of the vice-presidency, there was growing speculation that Mr Mondale may decide for the sake of party unity to ask Senator Hart to be his running mate.

Senator Hart reiterated after the meeting that he would continue his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination. "The best contribution I can make is to offer my candidacy as a vehicle for people who otherwise might not participate (in the election)", he said, referring to the large numbers of voters in New England and the West who had supported his candidacy.

However, Hart aides said there was now near-unaminous agreement among his principal advisers that the Colorado senator should accept the vice-presidency on a Mondale ticket if it was offered.

The meeting, arranged by Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts who belatedly endorsed Mr Mondale on Monday, took place in the Upper East Side house of Mr Arthur Krim, an industrialist, film producer and Mondale fund-raiser.

It was the first time the two rivals for the Democratic nomination had met privately since Senator Hart's stunning upset victory in the New Hampshire primary

A beaming Mr Mondale, clearly delighted that his quest for the Democratic nomination was now secure, decribed his hour-long meeting over scrambled eggs and bacon as the "beginning of a reconciliation. . . .the things that divide us are modest compared to the things that divide us from President Reagan."

Both men emphasized the "moral imperative" of defeating Mr Reagan's reelection effort and emphasized the need for a large turnout of Democratic voters at the election.

Yesterday's unity meeting came only a day after Senator Hart had announced he was dropping his threatened challenge to about 600 Mondale delegates at next months convention in San Francisco. Senator Hart had claimed there were irregularities in the financing of the primary campaigns where the delegates were elected.

Senator Hart said he was withdrawing his challenge beause it would splinter the party and produce divisiveness and rancour

Beirut gun battles put security in jeopardy

Beirut (AP) – Lebanon's newly formed Military Council held a second discussion yesterday of a security plan to restore peace to the capital as fresh fighting flared.

Militias exchanged sporadic machine-gun fire and grenades throughout the day along the "Green Line" that divides Beirut into Christian and Muslim halves. The fighting came after overnight gun battles in the hills east of the capital and in the suburbs of the city.

Police said four people were killed and 16 others wounded in the overnight shooting, which tapered to intermittent clashes yesterday.

The fighting broke out shortly after General Michel Aoun took over command of the Lebanese Army from General Ibrahim Tannous on Monday. Mr Rashid Karami's coalition government intended the change of commanders to bolster a plan to end fighting by warring militias in Beirut.

Meanwhile, Mr John Defrates, the director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, disclosed that two of its officials – one British, the other Irish – left Lebanon after a letter was found threatening their lives. The agency served warning that further problems could force it to close its Beirut operations.

The letter was signed "Palestinians' friends", he said. The UN agency is in charge of coordinating relief activities for Palestinian refugees.

The security plan being discussed by the council, which includes one senior officer from each of Lebanon's main religious sects, call for the deployment of selected Army units to eliminate the demarcation line, reunite the capital and end the reign of militiamen.

There was no official comment on the progress of the deliberations of the Military Council. But Army sources said the atmosphere was "very positive".

Mr Marman Hamadeh, a senior aide to Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, said yesterday that he was optimistic that the security plan, agreed upon at last Saturday's meeting of the coalition Cabinet, would restore normality to Beirut.

Former President Camille Chanoun, a Maronite Catholic member of the Cabinet, also expressed optimism. "If we all stick to our commitments and facilitate the implementation of the plan, then Lebanon will enter a new era of eternal peace", he said.

Tasmania to be paid £160m for halting dam

Hobart (Reuter) – Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, yesterday signed an agreement worth about £160m to compensate Tasmania for the halting of a dam project in one of the world's most beautiful wildernesses.

A court last year ruled against plans by Tasmania's Conservative government to build the hydro-electric dam which would have flooded a rain forest, rare plants and caves which housed Aboriginals 20,000 years ago.

The scheme was bitterly opposed by both the federal Labour Government and thousands of conservationists. The issue was taken to court after Tasmania refused to stop work, saying that it needed the dam for cheap electricity to attract *industry and create jobs.*

Bolivian troops seize barracks

Cochabamba (Reuter) – Rebel Boliviam Army officers, demanding the removal of their commander-in-chief, occupied their barracks here in an open challenge to the left-wing Government.

More than 100 officers, including colonels and majors studying at the higher military school, last week accused General Simon Sejas of promoting officers once linked to a left-wing military government in the early 1970s.

Jakarta expels correspondent

Jakarta – Indonesia has in effect expelled the United Press International correspondent, Miss Isabelle Reckeweg, by refusing to extend her visa.

Miss Reckeweg, aged 34, has covered Indonesia for UPI for six years, and is president of the Jakarta foreign correspondents' association. She has come under government pressure since UPI published stories of a troop build-up in East Timor last October.

Oil the killer

Madrid – International medical experts, sponsored by the World Health Organization, have confirmed that adulterated cooking oil was responsible for the illness which killed 350 people in Spain. Although the exact toxic agent has still to be indentified they dismissed a Spanish doctor's theory of other causes, reported last month.

Island disrupted

Plymouth, Montserrat (Reuter) – The Governor of the British Caribbean colony of Montserrat has declared a state of emergency after strikes by public employees over pay severely disrupted water and electricity supplies.

Crash kills six

Bologna (AP) – Six people, including three members of the same family, were killed when two cars caught fire after a chain collision on the autostrada north of the central Italian city. The dead included a mother, her child and a grandmother.

Clash at mine

Johannesburg – One black mine worker was killed and four others injured in rioting and clashes with police at the Coronation Colliery near the Natal town of Vryheid. A police spokesman said that a number of vehicles had been stoned and damaged on a main road near the colliery.

Moroccan toll

Algiers (AFP) – Polisario guerrillas killed 43 Moroccan soldiers in two attacks at Ratmi and Araidh at the weekend, the Saharan nationalist group announced here.

Medfly threat

Miami (AP) – Workers are picking and destroying all tropical fruit from trees in a section of Miami in an effort to eradicate the source of a Mediterranean fruit-fly infestation. Four Medflies were found in a monitoring trap in a tree last week.

Fatal video

Ankara (AFP) – Turkey has banned the screening of videotapes in buses after a bus driver tried to censor a love scene in a videotape while behind the wheel. Seventeen people died in the ensuing accident.

US court shuts file on Debategate

From Nicholas Ashford

Eight judges of the US Court of Appeals have unanimously ruled that the Attorney General, Mr William French Smith, is not required to appoint an independent counsel to investigate how members of the 1980 Reagan election campaign team obtained briefing papers from the White House.

Their ruling effectively brings to a close a potential scandal, known as "Debategate" which the Democratic Party hoped to use against President Reagan

The decision came five days after the court had reversed a ruling made last month by Judge Harold Greene of the US district court that the Attorney General should appoint a special counsel

Royal tour puts Turner on spot

From John Best, Ottawa

Mr John Turner, who takes office on Saturday as Canada's new Prime Minister, has a problem: how to plan a federal election and a full-scale royal visit.

He is under intense pressure from leading Liberals to take advantage of the publicity generated by his victory in the recent party leadership convention and call a quick election. That is what Mr Pierre Trudeau, the present Prime Minister, did when he became party leader 16 years ago – with spectacular results.

The rub is that the Queen and Prince Philip are due to visit New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba between July 14 and 27, and a royal tour and summer election do not go well together.

A spokesman for Buckingham Palace said earlier this month that the Queen would "not be in Canada during an election campaign". The reason, it is understood here, is the fear that she might not be able to avoid being drawn into the campaign.

Yet Mr Turner will have to call an election before the royal visit if he hopes to have the campaign finished before the Pope arrives for a 10-day visit on September 9. (Organizers of the papal tour are themselves anxious that the Pope should not be in Canada during an election.)

Election campaigns in Canada last a minimum of 58 days. In order to have an election, say, on September 4, it would have to be called on July 8.

Rebels burn houses in Afghanistan

The Afghan *mujahideen* with the help of civilians have burnt five houses of people who they claim had deceived the resistance movement and were assisting the Karmal Administration, according to the rebel press agency, Agency Afghan Press.

In accordance with tribal traditions, women and children were allowed to vacate the houses in Ghani Khel, before the burning. The male members of these families had left. In the same operation the *mujahideen* wiped out a military post set up for the security for these houses, killed three soldiers and seized a sizable quantity of arms.

The same sources also claim that on the same day the *mujahideen* ambushed a mobile contingent and destroyed a tank on the Jalalabad-Torkham highway.

Hawke aides help Labour fight snap poll

From W. P. Reeves Wellington

The leaders of the principal parties have avoided personality politics in launching their campaigns for the snap election on July 14.

Sir Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister, said the Labour Party was exposed through its trade union connections to the influences of the far left.

Labour's approach seems modelled on the electoral success of the Hawke Government in Australia.

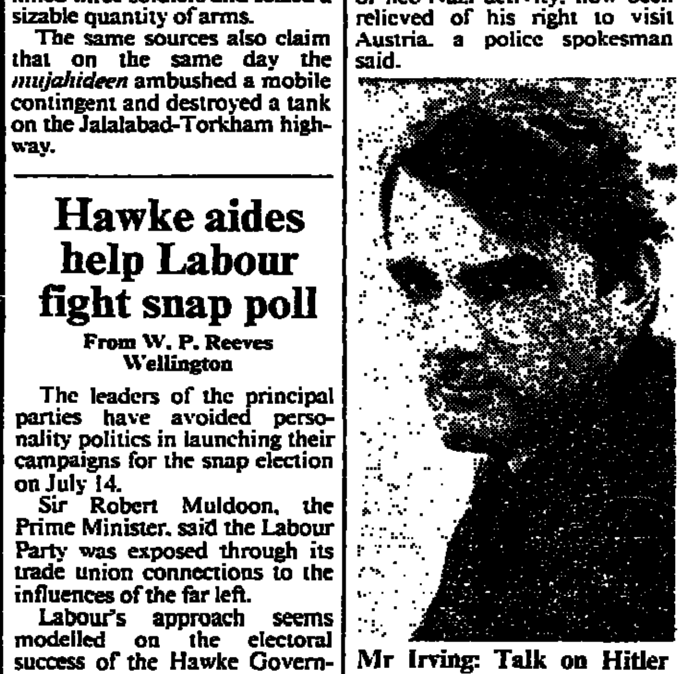
David Irving arrested in Austria

Vienna (Reuter) – The right-wing historian, Mr David Irving, was arrested in Vienna yesterday and is to be deported from Austria, police said.

He was detained at lunch time at the Café Landtmann, a regular venue for press conferences, as he arrived to give a lecture on Hitler's former deputy as party leader, Rudolf Hess, a police spokesman said.

Hess, who flew to England in 1941 on an abortive secret peace mission, recently passed his ninetieth birthday in Berlin's Spandau jail amid controversy over his continued incarceration.

Mr Irving, whose writings sympathize with the Nazi's role in history and deny many of the war crimes attributed to the Nazi regime, has, on suspicion of neo-Nazi activity, now been relieved of his right to visit Austria, a police spokesman said.




Mr Irving: Talk on Hitler halted

Another paean of praise for Andropov

Rivals pursue Kremlin struggle

From Richard Owen, Moscow

In the move in the continuing power struggle between President Chernenko and the followers of the late President Andropov, a leading party journal has praised Mr Andropov's committment to collective leadership and emphasized that he was admired by his successor. Observers said the move could be seen either as an attempt to gloss over the differences between the two factions or to identify the Chernenko leadership with the Andropov legacy in order to prevent it being jettisoned.

Informed observers have said that Mr Chernenko, who is 72, rules together with other members of the "Old Guard" but faces a continuing struggle for the eventual succession, with members of the Politburo younger generation, jostling for power. Some blame Moscow's static policies on East-West relations and other issues on the political stalemate in the Kremlin.

Two weeks ago *Pravda* published a highly unusial eulogy of Mr Andopov, marking what would have been his seventieth birthday. The tribute was seen as part of an attempt by the late leader's youthful protégés, headed by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, aged 53, to keep the Andropov legacy of administrative and economic reform alive.

The latest issue of *Kommunist*, the party's theoretical journal, also carries an article praising Mr Andropov, who died in February, as an "outstanding politician and statesman". The article said Mr Andopov had done a great deal during his brief period of office to "implant in our social life much that is novel and useful".

Kommunist singled out Mr Andropov's efforts to speed up economic growth, strengthen work discipline and "enhance the responsibility of the workers" – Andropov themes which have been quitely dropped under Mr Chernenko.

Kommunist praised Mr Andropov's energy, his use of "the creative initiative of the masses", and his campaign against corruption, bribe-taking, embezzlement and red tape. The Andropov era had led to "positive shifts" in the Soviet economy, *Kommunist* noted, and had promoted the prestige of Soviet socialism in the world

Informed sources said this lavish praise of Mr Andropov's internal reforms and international standing appeared to reflect badly on Mr Chernenko. On the other hand, *Kommunist* said Mr Andropov, a former head of the KGB secret police was a "party man to the marrow of his bones, dedicated to the principle of collective leadership".

The article pointedly recalled that when he took over in February Mr Chernenko had eulogized Mr Andropov's qualities as a politician and a man, saying they had been vividly demonstrated in his activities as party leader and President.

Further signs of the jostling for the eventual succession emerged during recent visits to Moscow by President Mitterrand of France and Señor Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua. On both occasions Mr Geidar Aliyev, aged 60, was well to the fore,

Mr Gorbachov remains the unofficial Kremlin Number 2, but during the Mitterrand visit was relegated to the sidelines, addresing the supreme Soviet foreign affairs commission on the training of Third World students in Russia – "not in the mainstream of current Kremlin preoccupations."

Ankara cracks down on dissident intellectuals

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

A group of leading Turkish intellectuals were indicted yesterday for calling for the restoration of democratic liberties in a petition submitted to President Kenan Evren last May.

The intellectuals, who were among 1,260 signing the petition which triggered a stern reaction from President Evren, face jail sentences ranging from three to six months. They are charged with violating martial law restrictions still in force despite the restoration of democracy through general elections last November.

Ankara martial law command launched an investigation about the petitioners

The indicted included Professor Husnuigoksel, a renowned cancer specialist, Mr Aziz Nesin, a humourist of international fame.

Israeli election campaign HQ set on fire

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv

In the first serious charge of election violence, in Israel the Labour Alignment complained yesterday that its campaign headquarters in the Negev desert town of Mizpeh Ramon had been set on fire on Monday

Alignement national headquarters here said petrol and matches were found in salvaged rooms, indicating arson.

Environment pact renewed

From Michael Binyon Munich

Delegates from the United States and the Soviet Union have agreed to renew a 1972 agreement on cooperation in environmental research which had been allowed to lapse as a result of the breakdown in East-West relations.

This was one of the concrete proposals to emerge from the international environment conferences here, which ends today.

Western delegates, including Mr William Waldegrave, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Environment, who arrived yesterday have welcomed the Soviet presence as an important sign that East Europe is ready for real cooperation in this field. However, they have pointed out that the apparent Soviet commitment to cut sulphur dioxide emissions by 30 per cent is not as firm as it sounded when announced on Monday by Mr Yuri Izrael, the chief Soviet delegate.

The Russians are now insisting on qualifying this by "striving to cut trans-border fluxes" by 30 per cent – a far less drastic step. The East European delegations have admitted they cannot afford many of the more expensive proposals to fight air pollution.

Mr Waldegrave said yesterday he was disappointed by negative press reaction to Britain's stance, which he said did not differ from that of many other countries

The money would be better spent on action against a whole range of pollutants. Britain would be pressing hard at a meeting of European environment ministers at the end of this week to stick to proposed timetables for control of vehicle emissions, and would not allow slippage in the introduction of lead-free petrol. This, Mr Waldegrave thought, should give Britain a better image.

Transvaal by-elections will test white reaction to reforms

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

White voters go to the polls today in two by-elections in Transvaal, the results of which will be of interest chiefly as further soundings of the strength of extreme right-wing opposition to the new constitution due to come into effect on September 3.

The main feature of the new constitution is that the existing all-white Parliament will acquire two extra chambers, one each for mixed-race Coloureds and Indians, who will elect representatives from their own communities on segregated voters' rolls. There is no place in the new Parliament for blacks, more than 70 per cent of the population.

The by-elections are to seats in the Provincial Council. The contest attracting the most attention is in the mainly Afrikaans-speaking Potgietersrus constituency, in Transvaal's rural heartland, where the wave of right-wing reaction has been strongest.

Here the ruling National Party is trying to recover a seat it lost when the previous incumbent, who died in a car crash, defected to the breakaway Conservative Party of Dr Andries Treurnicht, the CP is fighting in alliance with the even more extreme Herstigte Nasionale Party and the Afrikaner Werstandsbeweeging.

Although the Government has been much less nervous about the right-wing threat since winning a 66 per cent endorsement of the new constitution at a whites-only referendum last November, it is still worried that by-election victories for Dr Treurnicht could encourage more defections and erode the NP's Afrikaner base.

The campaign has been bitter, with much mud-slinging. The NP, had the embarrassment of being caught out in what appears to have been an attempt to misrepresent Dr Treurnicht's views by purporting to show that in his days as a government minister he had once approved the admission of a black to a white university and was thus really "soft" on blacks.

Botha to meet Swazi leaders

Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, is to hold talks in Swaziland tomorrow with Prince Bhekimpi Dlamini, the Swaziland Prime Minister and leading members of the Liqoqo, the supreme council of tribal elders which effectively runs the small kingdom.

Relations between Pretoria and its neighbour, which have been generally good if not exactly warm, have recently been strained by a series of inter-related events, all of which are certain to be discussed at the talks.

First there was the dismissal earlier this month of four senior Swazi figures, including the Foreign Minister, Dr Sishayi Nxumalo, who claimed he had been removed because he had initiated an inquiry into a fraud involving non-payment of customs dues which had threatened to expose alleged wrongdoing by senior members of the Liqoqo.

Dr Nxumalo was accused in turn of being the ringleader in an alleged plot to seize power from the Queen Regent, Queen Ntombi.

Mr Botha expressed concern over the reasons for the dismissals and threatened that if the fraud inquiry were not pursued, South Africa might have to reconsider its membership of the Southern African Customs Union, to which Swaziland, Botswana and Lesotho also belong.

Finally, there was South Africa's decision last week to shelve a plan to cede large chunks of South African Swazi and Zulu tribal territory, with their inhabitants, to Swaziland. This scheme is still supported by the Swazi ruling group.

34 Albanian separatists jailed in Yugoslavia

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

In the latest series of trials being held simultaneously in three big towns in Yugoslavia's troubled Kosovo region, 34 ethnic Albanians received sentences ranging from six months ot 14 years imprisonment for conspiring against the state.

All are alleged to have belonged to various underground organizations committed to change the constitutional status of the region.

Earlier, sentences of up to 12 years were passed on 14 more Yugoslav-Albanians. The prosecutions appear to be a new drive by Belgrade against Albanian nationalists.

Since the riots of 1981, the situation has been brought under control, but the region remains potentially explosive and the call for the "Kosovo republic" continues to recruit more followers among Yugoslav-Albanian youth. In the past three years at least 700 Albanians have been given prison sentences, mainly on charges of actively supporting unity with Albania, and a score of underground organizations have been uncovered, in which a number of notable personalities were involved.

In the recent trials two Yugoslav-Albanian journalists employed by the state television were said to have belonged to an underground group, the Marxist-Leninists of Kosova, which intended to carry out terrorist acts. They were sentenced to 12 years.

Another member of the same group, a lawyer, was sent for treatment in a psychiatric clinic after being declared to be suffering from schizophrenic paranoia.

Legal threat to British atomic tests inquiry

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

A legal problem has thrown doubt on the Federal Government's intention to hold a full public inquiry into the British atomic test programme in Australia in the 1950s and 1960s.

The Attorney-General's department has told the Minister for resources and Energy, Senator Peter Walsh, that a public inquiry, or an inquiry in which the proceedings would be made public, could be in contempt of court because five actions for damages had been filed.

Three ex-servicemen and one Pitjantjatjara Aboriginal are suing the Government over illnesses allegedly caused by the British tests. The family of another ex-servicemen who has since died, is also taking legal action.

Argentine visit: Mr Cyril Townsend, Conservative MP for Bexleyheath, left, and Mr George Foulkes, Labour MP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, arriving in Buenos Aires on the first visit by British MPs to Argentina since the Falklands war.

Sakharov stepson snipes at Mitterrand trip to Russia

From Richard Hanson, Tokyo

The stepson of the missing Russian dissident, Dr Andrei Sakharov, yesterday criticized President Francois Mitterrand's trip to the Soviet Union last week.

He said: "The French President should have stayed at home rather than lend credibility to the Soviet statements that the situation with Sakharov is normal."

Mr Alexei Semyonov, aged 27, was referring to indirect assurances, apparently given to the French leader before he decided to go ahead with the visit, that Dr Sakharov was alive. Mr Semyonov told a press conference in Tokyo that President Mitterand should have been more careful.

He is in Japan to seek Japanese Government support to press the Soviet Union for information the whereabouts of the Nobel Prize-winning physicist and his wife. They disappeared from public view early in May after Dr Sakharov began a hunger stike to press his demand for his wife, Mrs Elena Bonner, to be allowed to leave the Soviet Union for medical treatment.

Since May 6, Mr Semyonov, who left the Soviet Union under duress to live in the United States in 1978, has been frustrated in his efforts to gleen any word about Dr Sakharov's condition

Mr Semyonov said it was possible that his stepfather was being kept alive during the hunger strike by force-feeding. Semi-official statements from the Soviet Union claim that the physicist is well and "receiving his meals regularly".

Mr Semyonov said he had reason to believe that the Japanese Government would apply "quiet diplomacy"

Chile general faces trial fearlessly

From Florencia Varas, Santiago

Expressing his confidence in the outcome of the trial brought against him by the Chilean Government, General Gustavo Leigh has told *The Times* that "Pinochet made a serious mistake when he started this suit against me".

The former junta member is to appear in court this week, accused of inciting subversion. The charges stem from an interview published in a local magazine in which General Leigh accused President Pinochet of staying in power through force and eliminating politicians and generals considered dangerous to his regime.

The former Commander of the Air Force and a key figure in the 1973 military coup, the general was ousted from the ruling junta by General Pinochet in 1978 for opposing the plebiscite and constitution, extending the President's mandate until 1989. If found guilty, General Leigh cannot be sent to jail, but he can be placed under house arrest or detention

"Pinochet", the general said, "Doesn't want to know anything about democracy or transition. He wants to stay in power with an iron hand until 1989 and then, if things are right, get himself reelected for another term."

Philippines rebellion grows

Communist strength alarms Marcos

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Marcos said yesterday he was shocked by the growth of the communist rebellion in the Philippines and admitted for the first time that some southern towns and municipalities were under communist control.

"It is very difficult for me to admit this, but I am shocked by the manner in which they have proliferated", he said of the guerrilla troops of the New People's Army, the military wing of the outlawed Communist Party.

"Mindanao is in a state of anxiety", he said, referring to the southern island hardest hit by the 15-year-old rebellion. "There are many towns and municipalities there that are under the control of some of the subversives."

Mr Marcos had previously dismissed the communist rebellion as an "irritant", easily handled by the 200,000-strong armed forces, but this new assessment follows a seven-day tour of the region early this month by Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the Defence Minister.

"I don't mean to alarm you", he told a seminar of members of the ruling party, "but within the leadership we are all aware there has been an increase in the strength of the Communist Party of the Philippines."

For this reason he has asked for a full accounting of all the actions and operations of the armed forces.

Mr Marcos last month put the strength of the New People's Army at 6,800 while independent estimates range as high as 10,000 to 15,000.

More than a third of all troops are stationed in Mindanao, according to military observers, but their "kill ratio" of communist rebels is low and government casualties are reported to be unacceptably high.

Mr Marcos's order for an accounting of the military's performance follows recent reports in Manila's pro-government newspapers indicating that the non-retirement of old generals has caussed discontent and demoralization within the lower ranks.

Fifty of the 100 general in the armed forces are long past retirement age – including the Chief of Staff, the chief of the Philippine constabulary and the heads of the three main services.

President Marcos: Refused to retire generals.

Jayewardene seeks curb on Tamils in Britain

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka will urge Mrs Margaret Thatcher today to curb the activities of militant Tamils in Britain who, he said, were raising funds and getting arms for extremists at home.

He made the accusation at a London press conference after his state visit to Washington, where he is understood to have made a similar appeal to President Reagan.

President Jayewardene, aged 78, confirmed that his Government had hired a British company, reportedly staffed by former members of the Special Air Service, to help train troops for counter-insurgency operations.

But he had armed himself with a fresh set of proposals for the all-party conference in Sri Lanka which has been trying, so far without success, to bring an end to the communal strife between the Sinhalese and the island's 13 per cent Tamil minority.

The President, who seemed confident over his peace plan, warned the Tamil United Liberation Front that, if it did not accept it, he was prepared to let Parliament and the people decide – probably through a referendum later this year.

The militants, popularly known as the Tamil Tigers, believed in the bullet not the ballot. He would raise the whole question of international terrorism with Mrs Thatcher before dinner at Downing Street tonight

SPECTRUM

High life with the upper-crust crooks

Professional criminals have an elite which sees itself on a par with the aristocracy. John McVicar shows Laurie Taylor how they live like lords

I now felt that I recognized many of the theme tunes of this culture. Some, indeed, were so familiar from interviews and discussions and late-night tittle-tattle that I could have sung along with them when the first chords were sounded. I was practically word perfect, for example, on omerta, that rather grandiloquent Italianate aria about the value of silence and the disgrace of informing, with its sad contemporary coda about the scourge of supergrasses. I was equally at home with Spanish strains of macho, or rather with that particular English version "matcho", where the emphasis shifted away from the sheer expression of physical strength and sexual virility towards a pride in one's ability to take "pressure", face risks, and stay cool.

At a less lofty level, I could recognize the obsession with knowing how the odds were stacked in every social situation; the delight in any scheme or game, however childish or surrealist, which subverted authority; the respect granted to displays of cold-blooded violence; the insistent depiction of women as romantic sweethearts, sexual playthings or wifely accomplices; and the vision of the rest of the population as a greedy ignorant mob of "mug punters" who were simply asking to be taken.

It wasn't too difficult to maintain mental reservations about most of these attitudes. In fact, I found it mildly reassuring that my repeated exposure to them had had such little effect. I hadn't exactly expected to turn into a criminal as a result of my meeting so many villains and sharing so much of my social life with them, but I'd been on guard against any dramatic increase in my general level of cynicism, materialism, or tolerance of violence.

This, unfortunately, was not the end of the story. For, although I felt relatively untouched by the familiar themes of this culture, I found that I was much more easily seduced by the insistent rhythm, the specific pace of life, which accompanied them.

Some nights I could have sworn there was a competition among them to see how late it would be before anyone dared to say that they simply must go home and get some sleep. We'd be reaching some natural climax to the evening at, say, two o'clock in the morning: the wine had been finished, the kalooki game we'd been watching had wound up, the club showed every sign of closing for the night.

Just the sort of moment in normal company when one person can be relied upon to give a small token yawn, a slight symbolic stretch of the arms, which allows another to mention home and another to pile in with "Gosh, is it two o'clock already?" and yet another to add, "Yes, have to be up early tomorrow". But no matter how hard I searched the faces around me at the Landsdowne of Newmarket or Professional Artists', I could rarely find any signs of imminent departure or a slow-down in the social pace.

Like little children, Geoff and Phil and Les and John and Lennie were always wonderfully adept at finding ways to stay up later. Once one set of toys had been packed up and the way left clear, then out would come another plaything. Sometimes we merely moved clubs – there was actually a chronological sequence here – so that one went to J. Arthur's in the Fulham Road between 12 and 1, the Jacaranda in Kensington after 2 and Dino's in Notting Hill any time after that. (As this arrangement seemed to hold true when we were with diferrent sets of villains, I often wondered whether such clubs were otherwise quite empty outside these preferred hours.) And if it wasn't "another club" which was used to keep the evening going, then the ante might be raised, the sense of ending dispelled, by drawing upon any from a long list of stimulants. First on the menu was usually champagne. Clubs seemed to know about this late night or early morning predilection, for no sooner was the £20 note pushed across the counter than an ice-bucket with a bottle of Moët et Chandon was on its way.

After champagne came "coke". I always declined that, not out of any great moral sense, but because even in the most bohemian of clubs it meant disappearing into the lavatory for a moment with a £10 note, a razor blade, and that little precious parcel. I already felt quite clumsy enough when it came to such routine matters as ordering drinks and parking cars, not to wish to add a Woody Allen impersonation to my repertoire. On occasions there was "speed" as well. Simplicity itself. Just lick your finger, dip it in the packet, suck off the powder as though it were childhood sherbert, and you were guaranteed to be awake and buzzing for the next eight hours.

Not that these late–night sessions were exactly bohemian. The champagne and the coke and the speed, much like the lunchtime cannabis at the Horse and Groom, were given little more than perfunctory attention. There was certainly no mystery attached to any of them, no sense that they might provide the opportunity for introspection or mellow philosophical speculation. In fact, it was not considered appropriate to draw any attention to their effects: it was macho to show that you could handle internal pharmacological risks as readily as you could situational ones. The real point was, that as long as champagne corks were being popped, coke snorted and speed licked, you were still awake and moving and ready for action.

Everything was expected to be sharper and that little bit quicker than among the straights. You spoke quickly, filling all the space with words. In fact, nothing so much marked out wallies (and in particular those country and northern wallies who had been typically encountered in jails around the country) than slowness of speech. Gestures were rarely casual or languid but controlled from the wrist, and chiefly used to emphasize the briskness or efficiency of the operation which was the subject of the talk. You didn't look when you could glance, and you never "faffed" around when ordering drinks, sitting down, pouring wine or lighting cigarettes. You stayed alert, moved smartly from point to point, drove fast, made snap decisions. There was a contagious frenzy about it all which could quickly become irresistible.

Every one else was left standing at the lights. It was what Mark Benny called, on the basis of his own long experience of this world back in the 1930s, "the very spirit of the underworld... not the titillating externals of booze and bawdry... but... the fierce pulse of anti-social life". The anti-social pulse was critical not simply because it marked off villains as somehow stylistically superior to those around them, but also because it was tied in with their philosophical view of the world, with the idea that if you stayed sharp and alert, used your eyes and brain more than those around you, then you would be able to spot all myraid flaws and cracks in the surrounding social fabric and devise exact techniques for exploiting them.

This was far from being radical philosophy. Villains have no apparent political wish to usurp the "upper class". They are delighted to be able to exploit the chinks in its armour, and by so doing establish that they are equally clever at cheating.

"I'm on a par with them, brain-wise", insisted Lennie. "I'm not giving myself a gee. I know I am. That's for sure."

Sometimes the symmetry between the two groups, the upper classes and the professional criminals, was even more explicit. Geoff, the con man, was almost mathematically precise about it: "Top-class villians are about... a narrow 1 per cent of the population – maybe half a per cent – who knows, rather like the 1 per cent in the opposite direction, the real hierarchy of the establishment – the aristocracy and the royal family, that epitome of honesty and understanding."

If this social theory was going to be maintained, then it was obviously critical for villains like Geoff to separate themselves from all other criminals who regularly filled the courts and the jails and the tabloid headlines. How can I tell who's a "top-class villain" and who isn't? I asked him during one late-night session.

"You take the 1 per cent who go on robberies and never harm anybody. But the people there think they're going to be shot. They're top-class at it. They wouldn't hurt a lamb. They're actors and grafters. And that's their game."

I must have looked unconvinced. The categories didn't seem so watertight to me. "Professional robbers aren't always gentle", I ventured.

"There's robbers, Laurie, top class, who if it's an old person, they won't do the tie-up. In case they have a heart attack. Never been guilty of even hurting anybody. The gun's got no bullets. You've got to understand it and be a bit more compassionate with them. Not in the same category as people who smash an old lady over the head. They're the top 1 per cent."

For Geoff and others, the worst pain of imprisonment was the fear of contamination induced by having to spend years with people with whom they felt no affinity, who fell well outside this elite percentage. "Look at me last time, Laurie. I never hurt anyone. I'm in a top-security nick with three or four murderers on each landing and dangerous people come out of Rampton, or Parkhurst nuthouse thing, finishing off long sentences for God knows what. They put me in with them."

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Illustration by Paul Cox



The last word: After weeks of interview, McVicar, left, and Taylor decided that they were too far apart for co-authorship

What was it that led certain people and not others into this complex and contradictory culture? I'd spent quite enough of my academic life marking essays on the causes of delinquency to make certain that I always included a question in an interview about getting started.

All of them, predictably enough, had been involved in petty delinquency of one sort or another, and then there had been an escalation.

A striking feature was the impact of the first spell of detention. Given their wholesale involvement in delinquency of all kinds, this arrived quite late on in their careers, at least late enough to allow them to realize that it was by no means an inevitable consequence of deviance. This meant that prison or borstal could be read as straightforward "cost", as something you had to endure as part of your style of life.

Of more immediate relevance, though, to the men I met, was the question of whether or not to try and get out after 10, 15 or 20 years at the game. This culture, unlike the occupational culture of the accountant or the schoolteacher, was likely to have permeated every aspect of their personal, social and family lives. It probably meant that they had never taken a normal job, never known security or respectability, and had handed over years of their actual existence to prison authorities as the prize for at least part of their relentless deviance.

It was the "cost" of prison which was raised most often when I asked for a reason for quitting. By this stage of their careers prison was beginning to hurt. Most of the men I talked to were between 35 and 45 and the prospect of another 10 years inside was becoming difficult to face.

I knew the obvious person to talk to about "getting out". The fact that John had "done it" was a regular subject of conversation. It wasn't seen as wholly admirable – in fact there was a conspiratorial hypothesis about it which enjoyed general agreement. The argument was that the authorities – the establishment – knew that they had pushed too hard with him. His sentence had been too long for what he had done and so it was time to make amends. "Somebody", as one put it, "was fair to John". And it was this "fairness" which had convinced John it was time to stop his villainy.

It was no longer easy to talk to John himself about such a subject. There was a passive agreement between us that everything could be discussed except those matters which might bring up the question of the end of our collaboration. Not until six months after my final interview with an active villain did we eventually talk about what had happened to him since we'd first met and set off as two sociologists to examine professional crime.

We were back in Battersea again. Across the kitchen table. I asked him if he minded the cassette-recorder.

'No. Why not?" I'm sorry we couldn't agree about..." "More me than you." "Well, it seemed that you..."

"Yeah, well, it still resonated. And I couldn't take the way you summed everything up. As though it was all unlike the rest of the world – universities, people in the City."

"And I thought you were further away from it than you were."

"You can take intellectual decisions about it. I could see it for what it was. I could. When you're young, you've got a few things going for you in crime. You've got more liberty ahead of you. But as the years go on, you get more convictions, you've got less time to play with. You've got less life. And you begin to edge a bit more. You become more unscrupulous, more treacherous. Not just you, but the people all around you. And I can see that intellectually."

"But emotionally..."

"Emotionally, it still plucked. Your emotions take a certain shape. They condition how you're going to feel in whatever circumstance. And that's what makes it hard to unshackle a criminal identity. You have to take all the emotional pressure to go back to your ways – you can't do it in one, it's not like giving up smoking or drinking where you can keep a check; you get caught up again in subtle things. You can be aggressive in so many ways you don't realize – lean on people, raise the ante. It is a bit overwhelming – crime".

"You feel you're away from it now."

"I just don't want to stay trapped in any particular mentality, any set of emotions. I don't want to be cut off from understanding by my own ego".

In a way I wanted to welcome him back. Assure him of the reality of the world which existed outside professional crime. But he effected his own re-entry.

"Yeah, I can't quite feel the emotional tug of it anymore. I find I've lost that. I'm an onlooker now. Like I thought I was at the beginning of all this. Like you've always been."

moreover... Miles Kington

Reflecting the enormous upsurge of interest in travel writing, the Book Marketing Council – tireless creators of literary Top Twenties – have designated the second half of June, Travel Writing Fortnight, or some such, and issued a list of their top twenty travel books. It's a rather good list, actually, and I was especially pleased to see that no less than three of them are published by Eland Books, a small but beautiful firm run by John Hatt, who does not seem to know how to pick a dud travel book.

I was heartily displeased, though, to see that the list did not include what I think is Eland's best book, *Viva Mexico!* by Charles Macomb Flandrau. I think I can see why they skated over it. The title could have been better chosen and the subject matter, living in Mexico in 1908, is not really Top Twenty stuff. The cover is a bit dull, too. Against that is the simple fact that it's probably the best travel book I have ever read.

Flandrau was a young, rich American with a sense of humour and apparently no prejudices, except against European and American uniformity, who spent the best part of five years on a coffee plantation in Mexico, then wrote about it. He even risks a chapter on the growing of coffee, a complicated process, and such is the power of his men that I can still reread the chapter as if I were coming to the end of an exciting thriller. I have never been to Mexico and have no plans to; the Mexico he describes has probably changed out of recognition, yet I feel I know the place in 1908 as well as I know England in 1984. Here's a taste of him.

"The harpist is aways drunk, and his instrument, after a night of hard work, out of tune. He appeared not long ago when I had staying with me a Boston lawyer – my only visitor so far this year.

"'Isn't it horrible to eat soft boiled eggs and toast in this pandemonium'," I called to him.

"'No', he answered, 'it's splendid – it's just like being an Irish king.' The harpist was drunker than usual that morning when he rode away with his harp in front of him on the pommel of his saddle, his son trudging along behind: and when he reached the middle of the river he fell off his horse and was nearly drowned. Later I saw what was once a harp hanging in midstream to a rock. A shattered harp clinging to a cruel rock surrounded by rushing water! I'm sure it was beautifully symbolic of something – but what?"

Strange incidents and characters come bubbling up everwhere as they did in that random quote, which was for once genuinely random – I was looking for something quite different when I found it. For a British reader the chapter on the Trawnbeighs might be the most poignant. The Trawnbeighs were an English family he knew, poor but genteel, living in the wilds as if they were in Cheltenham, dressing for dinner even when there were no guests – and no dinner in the house.

Flandrau recalls peeping into their kitchen one night before the meal and seeing, "Trawnbeigh, in a shabby but perfectly fitting dress-coat, his trousers rolled up halfway to his knees, patiently holding an umbrella over his wife's sacred dinner gown, while she – bebangled, becameoed, beplumed and stripped to the buff – masterfully cooked out dinner on the brasero."

But it is on the Mexicans themselves, as it should be, that he is at his best, and he patiently strips away all American *preconceptions till* we finally find ourselves understanding the Mexican mind, and being baffled by American or European mentalities. Travel books should describe a voyage into other people, as well as into other places, and on this score alone Flandrau is a master.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 378)

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1 Excess of pride (6)
4 Clerical room (6)
7 Talbot House (3.1)
8 Larynx (8)
9 Stale (8)
13 Theorem proof tag (1.1.1)
16 London flood gates (6.7)
17 Chinese cook pot (3)
19 Similarly named person (8)
24 Isolate (8)
25 Jab (4)
26 At once (6)
27 Joyful shout (6)

DOWN
1 Detest (4)
2 Reverse policy (4.5)
3 Netball team strength (5)
4 Hunter constellation (5)
5 Fire supplies (4)
6 Clog pipe (5)
10 Verdant (5)
11 Photo binder (5)
12 Tore (5)
13 Fast dance (9)
14 Defy (4)
15 Pack away (4)
18 Legal possessor (5)
20 Texas siege mission (5)
21 Corundum abrasive (5)
22 Change course (4)
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SOLUTION TO No 377
ACROSS: 1 Panama 5 Debt 8 Ought 9 Amalgam 11 Creation 13 Sign 15 Jiggery pokery 17 Door 18 Panorama 21 Envelop 22 Shine 23 Idly 24 Vulgar
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Clue No 2 Down in yesterday's Concise Crossword (No 377) was wrongly printed as Clue No 1 Down.

WEDNESDAY PAGE

Moral dilemma over a bought baby

FIRST PERSON

The invitation to Sunday brunch in Santa Monica, the Los Angeles suburb where the English live, came with a kick. "It'll be interesting", said my hostess, "because I have asked a nice gay couple who have just bought a baby in Guatemala."

The gay couple were late, though everyone was too polite to admit they were the main attraction. Gay couples adopt children in California. It is rare, but it happens. Sometimes they adopt from abroad, particularly from Brazil. Money changes hands, but nobody would be so vulgar, so cruel as to say the baby has been bought.

However, the gay couple who we all kept hoping would walk into the garden were pioneers. They were the first as far as anyone could remember who had openly bought a baby. And it was the first from Guatemala, a country high on the liberal consciences of Americans.

Another guest, an English woman, was chopping the courgettes for a salad and she asked about asking. "Do you think", she said, "they would mind if I asked how much they had to pay for the baby?"

There were other questions. "Did they", said the guest, "hold the child up to the nipple like a real mother would? Was that sort of contact what homosexuals couples needed?" There were layers of complication which I had never contemplated. How would I feel to see such an unusual trio of parents and child?

What was known about the couple was that one was a psychologist and the other a film producer. Both had lived a stable, married existence, although they had not, like some gay Californians, had their union blessed in church. They were both very intelligent, integrated into the heterosexual community and accepted as they were. When they finally arrived, both seemed as ordinary as any couple of men, except that one was holding their baby.

He was a jolly little man whom his new parents had named Reuben. They showed him off proudly and came straight out with: "All we know is that his mother intends to get married some day and that his father is in work, which is pretty good going in Guatemala."

I felt a little disturbed. I was thinking: "One day this little boy is going to be a 15-year-old Guatemalan, living in America, who finds out what his mother did to him and he is going to be, quite rightly, very angry". I was also very annoyed to find my liberal beliefs tested to the limit and found wanting.

The movie producer, with grey spiky hair, said his partner had mentioned his desire to have a child over a number of months, then the demand became more insistent.

They had both been saving from two substantial incomes to buy a holiday home. They wisely decided not to invest in more property until they had acquired a child, for such an event can be costly.

They began their search in California. In California because of state law, the natural mother has the right to choose who shall bring up her offspring. It became clear that, even in California, few mothers wanted their unwanted child to be brought up by gays.

They next went to Mexico – a common source of children for childless American couples – but they soon ran into the sand. They suffered the humiliation of going to heterosexual brothels, advertising on the noticeboards for unwanted babies. When the police began sniffing around their hotel, they returned home.

Their idea came from their maid – an illegal immigrant, like so many other menial workers in California, from Guatemala. She arranged to find a baby in a Guatemalan village, persuade the mother that the child would have a better life in the United States than in their country, then arrange for the couple to take delivery. An unmarried mother was eventually found by the maid, who had smuggled herself across the US-Mexico border, then the Mexico-Guatemala border, to conduct the deal.

The couple arrived in a large American hire car at the small village and the peasants crowded around. They were never to meet the mother. The mother's relatives handed over the baby boy – just five days old – and in turn they handed over some dollars. "It really wasn't much", said the movie producer." Just enough to cover her expenses, not more."

They drove to the American embassy where they applied for a US visa for the new member of the family. The US authorities asked them many questions and it became clear that they did not want to create a precedent. When the couple heard that the Guatemalan police were to be informed that a couple of child-stealers had given themselves up, they left.

They were not put off. Their maid agreed to smuggle the child across the Mexican border. The couple drove legitimately into Mexico. There they paid a Mexican couple with a green card, which allows employment in the United States, to smuggle the baby across the border as if it were their own.

The maid paid an extortionate fee to be guided over the treacherous border between the US and Mexico, where patrolling American police arrest "wet-backs" and send them home.

Reuben is now six months old. His two new fathers are still trying to arrange for his arrival in the US to be registered legitimately, thereby enrolling him for the rights which every US citizen expects. They estimate that the cost of acquiring the baby has swallowed the money for their second home, but it was worth it. They spoke as fondly and as happily as any other couple with a new baby, telling how soon their son was talking and growing teeth.

The baby is such a success that the psychologist is already speaking of a second one, claiming that it is only fair that Reuben should be brought up in a family. As with Reuben, they do not care which sex the second child is.

By the end of lunch, most of my immediate misgivings had gone. Here were two people, intelligent and well-heeled, offering warmth and compassion to an innocent child who would have lived a miserable life – if he had survived the rigours of a Guatemalan peasant upbringing. But still, leaving aside the homosexual aspect, which is impossible, was this not a case of a wealthy nation purchasing human life for its own gratification? The moral arguments still compete in my mind.

Nicholas Wapshott



All the symptoms of summer are back

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

I know it is summer again not just because Viv Richards is beating England single-handed but because the community conscience Bobsy Marshall is distributing the first of many leaflets about the street party, which this year is to have a Third World motif; and because the aging local rock star Riff Cliché is wearing his Woodstock tee-shirt and mirror shades; and because the Sub-Sloanes have shed their green wellies in favour of squash pumps and go jogging to Sheen Gate with Sony Walkmen piping Michael Jackson music into their heads; and because Great Aunt Sylvia has just made her quarterly 'phone call to announce a visit so distant that there can be no wriggling out of it.

It is just over a year since I started keeping this diary. Twelve months is of course a very long time in politics (in which category I include small children). The baby has hardened from flailing jelly to tiny vertical being, tottering forward like a condemned pylon, his face shifting from sunshine to squall with the speed and whim of weather in the Cairngorms. All this frenetic change at knee height is in marked contrast to the static nature of the adult world. Parvis Maitland's girth is the same unlovely thing that it was a year ago, and Petranella, for all the burgeoning of her pregnant belly, is sadly unchanged – vain, snobbish and hectoring. I came across these two people by the pond near Cambrian Gate yesterday; they had their respective children with them, and were sailing boats. Now, I don't think the two have ever had much time for each other but, like many who recognize their own worst traits in someone else, have come to a tacit accommodation without being active chums. And, as so often happens, the children have done the same.

Even here there is competitiveness. The Maitland boat is bigger but the Petranella one is faster, and they both know it. This redresses the balance between the two elder boys of the family, who are the same age, in the same class, down for the same prep school and therefore doomed to at least ten years comparative study from above. In the Maitland household the criterion of success will be not where the boy came in maths or French, but whether he beat Petranella's son. And vice versa. Depending on the outcome, the fees will either prove to be excellent value or daylight robbery. One can almost see the poor boys as boats, launched off in the hope that they will make their own headway, but all the while tied to the bank by bonds of scrutiny.

No, there *have* been changes in the adult world, most notably in River Crescent, where an astonishing epidemic of brass knockers and carriage lamps has struck. These are artisans' cottages, where pensioners stand out doggedly, and ever less numerously, against the inevitable change of address – the nursing home or somewhere even more permanent. Most of them are stunned by the upward thrust of the place as it is tugged into fashion by the nobility of mobility. They lean on their old knuckles at the windowsill and blink at the latest dormer that has punched its way through the opposite roof, or at yet another bay window with panes like a wine bottle base. Boys called Jason and Tarquin career down the pavement doing wheelies on their BMX bikes, while their fathers – though they would never admit it because of their compassionate self-image – wait longingly for the next door house to fall vacant so that they can buy up and knock through. The overgrown front garden would make a good car port as the street was never built with Range Rovers in mind. Even with your eyes closed you could tell which properties belong to the *ancien régime* and which to the *nouveau* if you strolled down on rubbish day; for outside the houses in the former bracket the collection lorry masticates old cartons noiselessly between its iron gums, while at the others you can hear the crisp crunch of Frascati bottles. Fortunately for everyone, the new folk live in harmony with the old, and even refer to them as "real sweeties," which is quite beyond the call of duty, seeing as they have already done them one favour by raising the market value of their funny old homes.

A micro-computer has arrived at the Street Radical's house. Since coming into his (wife's) inheritance, he has become rather a spendthrift. I don't think he even bothers to justify it, as he once did, in terms of aiding local commerce, hence increasing the rate revenue, hence helping to finance the social services. Nowadays he just spends, as a result of which his house is pullulating with newtech; even the Bang and Olufsen deck now plays second fiddle to the Commodore micro. Funny how words can stand still while the meanings change about them; only the other week, it seems, hardware was what you bought from Dorlings in Friar's Stile Road, and software was, well, goods that weren't hard. Not any more; hardware is the machine and software is the stuff you put in it. The Radicals' boys have taken to it with elan and are even writing their own programs. They have become such good children of late; none of those deeply violent war games raging back and forth across the Amtico. They seem so diligent, so scrubbed. – owlish almost.

My husband was not a god

Cynthia Lennon reveals the hidden, softer side of Beatle John

Cynthia Lennon never wanted her life to become public property, but, as she was married to a Beatle, it was a forlorn hope. She is now talking to the press again these 15 years after her separation from John, because the couple's old friend Ray Coleman, former editor of *Melody Maker* and well known music critic, has just published the first volume of a biography which she hopes will repair some of the damage caused by a decade and a half of spectacular lies.

It is not that the book, which covers the first 26 years of John's life, does a whitewash job – indeed there are places in which he is portrayed as vain and irascible – simply that, in Cynthia's view, it gets the story right.

Meanwhile in New York, their son Julian, now 21, has embarked on a promising rock career of his own, with the result that there are two colossal senses of *déjà vu* in Cynthia's life; for not only are her own twenties, years blown about in the whirlwind of Beatlemania, revisited at length in Coleman's book, but also Julian has by all accounts more than a hint of his father's style. "Even when he was 12 or 13", she recalls, "and he'd taught himself to play the guitar, he made a tape and I just couldn't believe how similar were his intonations to John's."

Cynthia, who now lives in Wiltshire, says she does not want to talk about anything but Coleman's book, and possibly a little of Julian. But it is difficult, for the book *is* John, and John *was in her heart until* – and indeed beyond – the day he was murdered in New York three and a half years ago.

One year older than John, she seems less than her 44 years, and to look closely at the feature is to be whisked back in an instant to the days when this was one of the essential, though always more retiring, faces of the 1960s. Just as John, being too witty, never conformed to the received image of a pop star, so too was Cynthia a far cry from the standard rock 'n' roll wife. There is great articulacy here – measured sentences delivered with the volume knob pretty low, and with any Scouse which might have been there in the old days now masked by a neutral southern accent.

If she seemed a strange choice of partner for Lennon, she was no more so than McCartney; for Cynthia did, socially and domestically, what Paul did musically – served as an antidote to John's often acerbic character. This, at least, is the picture painted by Coleman, and Cynthia concurs with it.

"I was a calming influence because of my nature, which was pretty shy and sensitive, but basically quite unflappable. My priorities, the family and the home, were very important to me. Obviously I was a part of the Beatles thing, swept along by it like everything else, but, largely because of the touring, I missed out on much of the excitement. My thing was to keep the atmosphere at home calm. You see, whenever John walked out of that front door, he was walking into a truly crazy world."

In Coleman's account, Cynthia's input was not always reciprocated, for there were moments when, apparently made neurotic by the exhaustions of touring and the tensions of fame, he would take it out on her and baby Julian in their Weybridge home.

"The man wasn't a god. He had feet of clay like the rest of us – but he had talent, he really had such talent and he was honest above all."

What has appalled her most of all over the years since the break-up of the Beatles is the sheer inaccuracies of the retrospective accounts. She attributes it only in part to the greed of slapdash or falsifying authors; envy is an equal culprit: "The things they say – I know, because I was there, that a lot if them never happened. The sheer joy and excitement of these years – and they were incredibly joyful years – just gets wiped out, and only fictitious orgies of drugs and sex remain.

"The trouble is that they're not only writing about John, but about my life as well. What these people are doing is affecting Julian's life, and Sean's (Lennon's son by Yoko Ono) in the future."

There is real anger in the last remark, and the arousal of those fierce supportive instincts which today, with Julian's emergence, have a maternal direction.

Although she now has a stable and lasting relationship, the subject of her first love plainly fills her with strong and difficult emotions. There can be no forgetting that he was besotted with her, and emotionally dependent on her, for five or six years from the early days together at Liverpool College of Art. There was this other girl at the college, says Coleman, called Helen Anderson, who did a tapering job on John's trousers and made Cynthia jealous by stroking his hair during a lecture. "No, that's the only bit Ray's got wrong," she now says.

Then there were his letters from Germany when the Beatles were making a name for themselves in Hamburg. How dated they seem now, but how irreplaceable: "God I'm knackered it's 6 o'clock in the morning and I want you...I love you boo! hoo! I hate this place...

"My voice has been going since I got here (it was gone before I came if I remember rightly). I can't seem to find it – ah well! I love you Cyn Powell and I wish I was on the way to your flat with the Sunday papers and chocies...Oh yes! I forgot to tell you I've got a GEAR suede overcoat with a belt so I'll look just like you now! Paul's leaping about on my head (he's in a bunk above me and he's snoring!) I can hardly get in a position to write it's so cramped below stairs captain. Shurrup Mcarhtey (sic)! grunt grunt"

Does Cynthia believe, from this distance of time, that Lennon would have been better off professionally and emotionally if he had stayed with her?

"That's so difficult. He was in constant need of fresh inspiration. He went out looking for it. Of course, *ideally* I would have liked him to stay. But if two characters are both searching for different things at a certain time, and if the rest of the world is against that unit, then it's going to be very hard for them to stay together."

Was she suggestion that at that stage it was the *world* which had wanted John to move on?

"John wanted to move on, and the world was his oyster. In those days, everything was open to John, and as far as I can see, that can have an erosive effect on any two given people. Even afterwards, when he was with Yoko, the same thing happened – there was always some outside influence trying to break the pair of them apart."

At times, particularly when talking about the handling of Lennon by certain "biographers", her manner has something of the brittleness of new widowhood.

Then there is Julian, on the threshold of a new Lennon career: "I know he's going to be maligned, with people saying he's living off his father's reputation. Fortunately he's well adjusted, considering all the upheavals. You know, it's an interesting thing that he lost a parent at the age of 17, just as I did, and John did.

"Of course the Beatles legacy is hard to overcome, even for me, never mind Julian. I have a feeling I'm going to go through it all again, and I shall probably react in much the same way – be as worried as I am excited. I'm a lot wiser now, but it's still hard for me to offer advice. I'll only do it when it's necessary. A mother can't help being cautious."

John Winston Lennon Volume One by Ray Coleman is published on June 28 by Sidgwick & Jackson (£9.95)

Lewis Duder



Suresh Karadia

Cynthia Lennon today, determined to tell the truth of the days with John and son Julian (inset).

THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole

Latin American cooking eats better than it reads, which is really a shame when there are so few restaurants here to offer practical inspiration. A week in Mexico was long enough to land me with a lasting taste for and tolerance of fresh chilli sauces. And in the case of Bahia's fish stews, which are fascinatingly flavoured with palm oil and coconut milk, one sniff can result in life-long addiction to the Afro-Latin cooking of Brazil's north-eastern coast.

It is more than 10 years since Penguin published Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz on Caribbean cookery, and in those days many of the ingredients could be maddeningly difficult to find. Tomorrow, her long-awaited *The Book of Latin American Cooking* is published. Hopefully, no one should have too much trouble tracking down a sufficient number of the ingredients to make most of the recipes in it.

For anyone who grows large quantities of tomatoes, courgettes, aubergines, sweet peppers, pumpkins, sweetcorn and potatoes, this book is essential reading.

In compensation for city folk who can seldom run to such exotica as pumpkin flowers for soups (only the male flowers are used so potential pumpkins are not lost), hot peppers, tropical root vegetables, plantains and big, cheap bunches of coriander leaves are plentiful wherever there are immigrant communities large enough to demand good supplies.

When I read a new book with a view to offering a few of the recipes here, I keep a list of candidate dishes which I want to cook. I have seldom run up a longer list than on this occasion, and there has not been enough time to cook right through it, but I *have* tried and liked the following.

Chicken in green almond sauce
Serves six

- A 1.5 kg (3½ lb) chicken, cut into serving pieces
- 450ml (¾) chicken stock
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 55 g (2 oz) parsley sprigs coarsely chopped
- 55 g (2 oz) coriander sprigs, coarsely chopped
- 1 heart of cos lettuce, coarsely chopped
- 1 or 2 fresh hot green peppers, seeded and chopped, or 2 canned *jalapeño* or 3 canned *serrano* chillies, seeded and chopped
- 110 g (4 oz) ground almonds
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil or lard
- Salt

Put the chicken pieces into a heavy casserole with the stock, bring to the boil, reduce the heat, and simmer gently, covered, for 45 minutes or until tender. Lift the chicken out on to a platter and set aside. Pour the stock into a jug. Rinse out and dry the casserole.

In a blender or food processor combine the onion, garlic, parsley, coriander, lettuce, hot peppers, and almonds, and reduce to a coarse purée. Do not overblend as the finished sauce should have some texture, and not be entirely smooth.

Heat the oil or lard in a large, heavy pan and pour in the purée, which will be almost paste – like because of the almonds. Cook the mixture, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, for three to four minutes over a moderate heat. Transfer it to the casserole. Stir the stock; season to taste with salt. Add the chicken pieces, cover, and simmer just long enough to heat the chicken through.

White rice is good with this dish according to Mrs Ortiz who suggests that for a completely Mexican meal, chicken in a green almond sauce should be accompanied by rice, tortillas, refried beans and guacamole.

Serrano chilies and fresh coriander leaves appear again in her recipe for guacamole, which makes a fine sauce to serve with plainly grilled meat, poultry or fish, as well as a dip.

Guacamole

- 2 large, ripe, avocados
- 2 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1 tablespoon onion, finely chopped
- 3 canned serrano chillies, or 1 teaspoon seeded and finely chopped hot fresh green pepper
- 1 tablespoon fresh coriander leaves, chopped
- Salt

Cut the unpeeled avocados in halves, remove the stones, and mash the flesh in the skins before scooping it out into a bowl. Mix all the ingredients thoroughly. Serve as a dip with triangles of fried tortilla, or as a sauce.

The Book of Latin American Cooking *by Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz is published by Robert Hale under the Jill Norman imprint, and cost £10.25.*

THE TIMES DIARY

Beyond the City limits

No sooner does the City of London recover some credibility to its elections by admitting Anthony Bull, the two-times poll winner originally barred by sitting aldermen, than another drama begins. The City Police have just served a summons on Nelson King, a Freeman of the City, and chairman of Grosvenor House Investments, for two offences under the Representation of People's Act following his unsuccessful election bid in Lime Street Ward last October. The alleged breach is under the rules limiting election expenses. King, a member of two City livery companies, will appear before magistrates at the Guild Hall Justice Courts on July 5. At least the Lord Mayor, Dame Mary Donaldson, will be spared the trauma of attending the witness box as returning officer. Her predecessor, Sir Anthony Jolliffe who was in office last October, may not be so lucky.

No red carpet

Labour MP Dave Nellist has been refused entry to Sri Lanka to investigate alleged human rights violations because, he claims, President Jayewardene wishes to avoid embarrassment during his current overseas tour. This, however, may not be the only reason. Nellist is a supporter of Militant, the Trotskyist group otherwise known as the Revolutionary Socialist League which, according to a new book by Michael Crick, has its biggest foreign section in Sri Lanka. Militant supporters controlled one of the country's two trade unions which tried to organize a general strike, and after the 1983 riots the Militant-controlled Nava Sama Samaji Party was banned by the government, says Crick. Small wonder, then that Sri Lanka's acting foreign minister said last Thursday that he regards Nellist as an extremist who wants to interfere in Sri Lankan affairs.

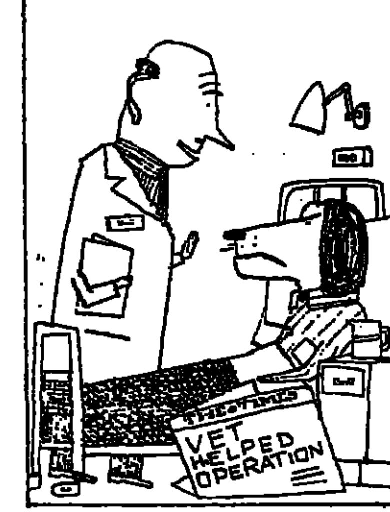
Author, author!

It will be like spotting the St Joan among the tweedy Fabians in the audience of a Bernard Shaw play. Realizing that the Islington run of *My Name is Sarah Tisdall* closes on July 22, the day before Tisdall is due to be released from Maidstone prison, the producers have booked the play into the New End Theatre, Hampstead, where, I am told, a reserved seat awaits the heroine mole.

Lucky dip

As part of Michael Jopling's sheep scab eradication campaign, which he launches on Sunday, the agriculture ministry has sent a Royal Doulton china sheep to agriculture correspondents, with the offer of a bottle of champagne to whoever gives it the cutest name.

BARRY FANTONI



"Good morning, Mr Merryweather. Feeling any better?"

The listener

Big Brother has arrived at the BBC. An information officer, who has just moved to the Beeb from an independent station, was telephoned by an old journalist friend who suggested lunch. Soon after the call, one of the controllers approached the new boy and said he was glad the scribe in question had been in touch. The officer, mystified by such knowledge, made several inquiries, to be told that BBC superiors often listen in to staff telephone calls.

Surrogate mother



After my disclosure yesterday that Margaret Hodge, left-wing leader of Islington Council, is advertising anonymously for a nanny, I hear that the woman depicted on the council's "Save Our Services" poster, which I reproduce here, is not in fact a mother. She's a nanny.

PHS

'Progress in making the EEC a true single market does not require any additional resources: What it does require is effective political decisions'

Better no deal than a bad deal

by Terence Higgins

Parliament will have to pass judgment on the outcome of the Fontainebleau summit. The relationship between the various forces, the demand for increased "own resources", the budget and the common agricultural policy, is complex. So a simple division between pro-marketeers and anti-marketeers is unlikely. Individuals will have to rethink their own positions.

There is a real danger that determination to reach a settlement may have resulted in a bad deal for Britain which could also damage the future of the Community. On the other hand, the fact that the EEC has run out of money presents us with a real opportunity for reform.

No clear case for increasing the Community's "own resources" (ORs) has been made. At home, the Government has shown great determination in curtailing public expenditure – often with serious effect on particular groups. It should be at least as stringent in curtailing EEC expenditure.

The Foreign Secretary has emphasized the need to improve the Community's budgetary controls. He is right, but the amount of ORs – the Community's cash limit – is certainly as important as the mechanism for control.

If the limit on ORs (and the notional 1 per cent rate of the VAT component) is raised, some of the money is likely to go to cover the cost to existing members of enlargement by the admission of Spain and Portugal, but the bulk of it will go on further support for agriculture.

There is no case for increasing ORs to finance still greater agricultural support against a background of vast surpluses, high storage costs and subsidized sales to communist countries. The CAP is clearly in desperate need of reform and the level of agricultural support should be reduced. No improvement in the mechanism of budgetary control will bring this about. It is the method of agricultural support, (and protection), which is wrong. If the ORs limit is raised, the political pressures in the other EEC countries (where the numbers in agriculture are far greater) will inevitably divert most of the increase into agriculture.

In contrast, leaving the limit in place will encourage reform.

It has long been clear that Britain is paying more than its fair share of the Community's costs. The Government (and the Prime Minister in particular) has made great efforts to achieve an equitable settlement. But the Community has failed to pay the refunds negotiated previously at the summit. Legally, we are bound to pay our contributions on the basis originally agreed. Unfortunately, no legal binding agreement was made which ensured that we were paid our refunds on the due date. It would be wrong to take action contrary to our legal obligations and withhold payment of our contribution to ORs as required by the treaty. But it would also be wrong to accept a position in which the refunds were withheld unless we agree to an overall permanent increase.

The situation is difficult for the Government because much political capital has been invested in getting the refund. None the less, taking the long view, if necessary it would be better to lose the refund than to agree to a permanent increased ORs.

The arithmetic is complicated. In doing it, it is necessary to bear in mind that even if we get back more than the extra we pay in, which has certainly not been demonstrated, the money would still be spent largely on the wrong things. The Community would be continuing on a larger scale in the wrong direction.

There are, of course, arguments that it would be unreasonable or indeed dangerous to refuse the increase in ORs demanded by the other members. It has been suggested, first, that time is needed for adjustment. But it is only now, when the cash is running out, that any effective pressure for reform of the budget and CAP is building up. Once the present cash limit is removed, the prospect of serious reform will be postponed indefinitely.

Secondly, it is argued that a refusal to allow an increase will "break up the Community" or even jeopardize the political stability of some members. Clearly, due weight must be given to the political pressures in individual countries. But these are essentially from agricultural interests and could be dealt with by national measures financed by the individual country's taxpayers.

It is not reasonable to maintain that Britain is breaking up the Community if it has fulfilled its obligations but is not prepared to make more resources available.

The political advantages of the EEC are great. It would be disastrous if we were to withdraw. That is not in question. The main benefits of membership stem clearly from the reduction in barriers to trade, the size of the single market, economies of scale, increased competition and the incentive for countries outside to invest within it. The costs and incompatibility of the agricultural policy with the overall structure was part of the price we had to pay when we joined. But there is every reason now to try to increase the benefits of the EEC rather than its damaging effects.

In general, progress in making the EEC a true single market does not require is any additional resources. What it does require effective political decisions, especially on issues such as the removal of non-tariff barriers and abolition of restrictions of services such as insurance.

It is true that some cooperative ventures may be inhibited by lack of funds. But the message of the agricultural surpluses is clear: we should spend less, not more, on agriculture. A redistribution of existing funds away from farming to cooperative industrial and technological developments is needed.

It is better to get no immediate solution than the wrong solution. As the Community's cash crisis grows so will the pressure for a sensible outcome.

There are obviously extreme solutions to the crisis which the Government would find it either impossible to get through Parliament or have no difficulty in doing so. The great danger is of a compromise deal which Parliament repudiates.

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Robin Cook

Professionals – or just PROs?

The past month has seen the birth of a new vogue phrase on the lips of Cabinet ministers. Apparently their new watchword is "better presentation of policy" – the stock response of every government to electoral reverses. I would have thought that Mrs Thatcher's problem is not that the electorate is confused about her strategy, but that it is coming to understand it all too well.

However, if the Cabinet is serious about improving presentation, I suggest that it consider sub-contracting its public relations to the armed services, who have a deft touch at such things. One of my colleagues once asked each minister to state the number of press officers in his department, and was startled to discover that the Ministry of Defence employed almost more than the rest of Whitehall put together – the Central Office of Information included. It was a revealing illustration of the theory that the function of press officers is to conceal secrets from the Press.

Part of this military engine of public relations is used to facilitate meetings of MPs with the armed services and, to its credit, the MoD is one of the few government departments which actively invites MPs to take an interest in its work. During the last Labour government, I had contrived to make such a nuisance of myself in the defence debates that the service ministers resolved in revenge to nominate me whenever possible as the government backbencher on such parliamentary delegations to the military.

Occasionally, I found my reputation had run ahead of me. On a heaving frigate, with 20 miles of Atlantic between me and the coast, I was introduced by the president of the mess to the petty officers with the unpropitious opening: "This is Mr Cook, and they tell me he is anti-navy."

The public relations angle is omnipresent. It is my general impression from those visits that commissioned officers now only narrowly outnumber photographers in the modern services, and I retain – under lock and key – a sizeable library of pictures of myself caught in unlikely poses: crouched over a tank turret, emerging from a helicopter, disappearing into a helicopter, feigning enthusiasm for hard rations. There is even a most forbidding one of three men in full camouflage peering through the gas masks they are wearing in expectation of chemical attack. It is possible to tell that I am the one on the left as the army had thoughtfully aerosoled my wellingtons in lurid dayglo, so that the men could tell the MPs from real officers.

Dressing up is of course a necessary part of any real military visit. I have pursued an inflexible rule of insisting this is performed in private ever since rain caught me in the front row of a passing-out parade and I had to be rediscovered, lost and floundering, within the voluminous fold of an army issue cape.

On that occasion, the display featured "improvized anti-aircraft cover". An airplane model club is maintained at the establishment to lend authenticity to the proceedings and as its members stood around in doleful anticipation of the nemesis of their handiwork, a truck with a machinegun strapped to its canopy entered the arena and blasted a model airplane out of the sky. As fragments of balsa wood and bits of battery fell to the ground I tentatively observed to the brigadier on my left that the model appeared to me to be travelling at sub-sonic speed and asked if the method would be equally efficacious against a MiG hurtling over the contours of the horizon? "Doubt it", he replied with a conspiratorial smile, "but it gives the chaps something to do."

The chaps, I fear, do not always remember such parliamentary inspections with the same warmth as their visitors. I recall an outing to a unit training for Arctic warfare on the Northumbrian moors when, on a desolate plateau, I was invited to leave the Land-Rover and inspect a squad modelling for my benefit the four layers of Arctic clothing. Chap at the end in white camouflage and skis. Chap second from left in woollens and sweater. Chap third from left in shirt and trousers. Chap at the other end standing to attention 1,000ft above sea level in a Northumbrian wind in long johns and string vest. We subsequently discovered him in the Arctic tent with comrades seeking to restore circulation to his limbs encased in the Arctic survival bag. I doubt if he has ever voted Labour since.

Canvassing roles are reversed in such circumstances as the point of the exercise is to enable the ministry to solicit the support of the politicians. On occasion, it was apparent that considerable premeditation had gone into how best to register the political point.

During the 1970s the late Tom Litterick and I took part in a debate on the export of weapons in which we both criticized the arms trade and made a special point of denouncing the corruption which lubricates it. As a result, we subsequently found ourselves touring the permanent exhibition maintained in Whitehall by the Defence Sales Organization.

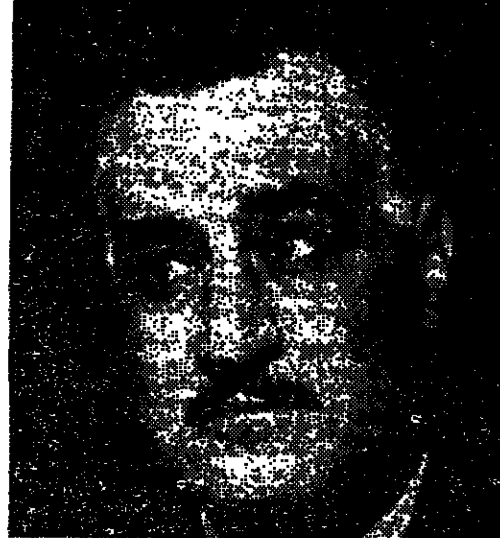
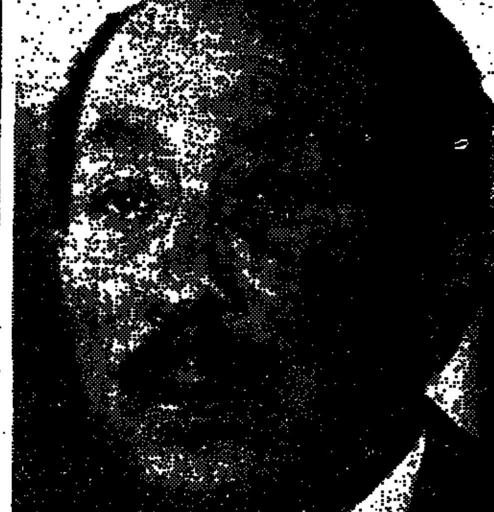
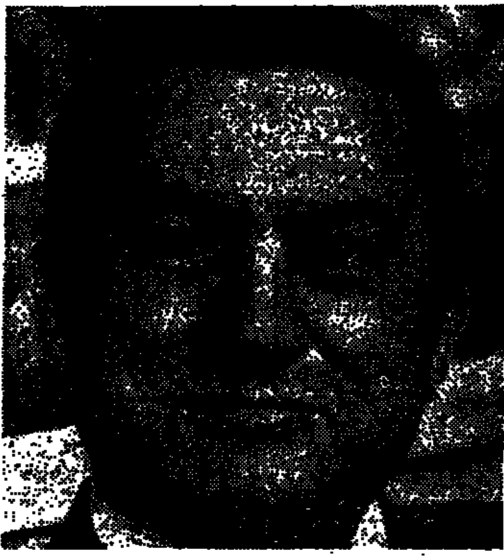
We did not expect to receive the entertainment which we imagined was reserved for shaikhs with large-standing armies and larger cheque books, and were modestly content when halfway round we were offered coffee. Nor did we demur when it was pointedly registered that it would be instant coffee. There followed a short interval before the attendant reappeared with the lugubrious news that the milk had not arrived and would we make do with Marvel? We would, and observed with disbelief his return with two plastic cups and saucers, and an economy sized tin of Marvel.

Then came the *coup de grâce*. There was something of a shortage and would we mind terribly sharing a teaspoon? It was a brave try, but we were not entirely persuaded that such austere hospitality was typical of the arms trade.

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Robert Fisk on the Egyptian election that changed nothing

The gulf that goes on for ever

Nasser, Sadat, Mubarak: reformists all, but little impression on Egypt's age-old poverty

Cairo
The triple pillars of Egypt stare down on the people of Cairo from a traffic island at one end of the El Gala Bridge – three crudely painted portraits of Nasser, Sadat and Mubarak. The first and last look faintly similar, the jowels accentuated, the eyes slightly sunken. Sadat's face by comparison is sallow, his expression dead, the fatal year 1981 on the bottom of the poster carrying no explanation.

For most of the day and much of the night, however, the faces loom through a kind of purple haze of traffic fumes and dust that provides a continuity of hardship to the people of Cairo as unbroken as the political rule of post-revolutionary Egypt is supposed to be.

The men in galibeas clinging to the sides of the city's smashed red and cream buses have no opportunity to glance at those who rule their country's destiny. Three wooden rubbish carts pulled by mangy donkeys clop between the buses, a cloud of flies round the heads of their drivers. There is a controlled fury about it all, like the young man with a cheap black briefcase who shares our taxi over the Nile. "The elections were a theatre", he shouts when we ask about President Mubarak's latest experiment in democracy. "They were rigged. Mubarak was bound to win. And what has the Wafd Party done for people?" The taxi is locked in the baking heat between a broken truck and the buses. "Look at that", the man goes on, pointing through the window. "The politicians look after themselves, not us."

At Qasr El Aini Street, there are some women trapped in the traffic, literally cornered and surrounded by buses, the blue smoke enveloping them. But round the corner, a policeman leads us through the silence of the Parliament building. Ibrahim Shukri's office is filled with leather armchairs and there is a photograph of him on the wall, arms round Yassir Arafat, a snap taken in northern Lebanon last year when the chairman of the Egyptian Socialist Labour Party saw fit to give the PLO leader "the support of the Egyptian people".

Shukri is a big man with white hair and a moustache who moves and talks slowly and haltingly. His party gained more than 7 per cent of the vote in the May 27 election but obtained no seats in Parliament since the law forbade any group with less than 8 per cent to sit in the Assembly.

President Murbarak appointed Shukri and three other SLP men to the Parliament none the less, a fact that embarrasses Shukri although he does not say so. "Many of our party workers, especially the young, say it is not good to be appointed by the president. But I say this is a door that has been opened to us to speak to the people from the Parliament."

But why is there so great a divide between "the people" and the party, between the street and the left in Egyptian politics? Shukri spends a long time thinking this out. "Probably", he says, "there is not sufficient feeling that everyone should have the same rights. Think about your country 300 years ago – it's something like that here. If someone from a poor family obtains a good position, he jumps to another class but doesn't see it as his duty to take his family with him." Shukri talks about the need to work harder. "More productivity, more real work, there is no other way": he says as if the Egyptians have not slaved in the heat long enough. Anwar Sadat used to talk like that.

Mubarak's election posters are fading but still visible on the peeling walls along Gamial El Quhara Street – his National Democratic Party officially won 72 per cent of the vote, giving it 391 seats – although only about 20 per cent of the electorate turned out to vote in parts of Cairo. Perhaps they were tired. Outside Giza railway station, an old, packed train clanks past our car, young men not only hanging from the windows but sitting astride the roofs of the carriages like lunatic rodeo riders. Even the train is smothered in fumes. Not so Muhammed Heikal's apartment.

He is a wise old bird, Nasser's *Al Ahram* editor, with a fine style of English and an academic's ability to make you think he has grasped some vital point in Egypt's politics. Western correspondents like to quote him as a seer, although one senses in him and other political critics these days a certain discomfiture, guilt perhaps, that they do not share the poverty of those about whom they talk, slightly uneasy that they should have so much freedom to speak their minds. Heikal sits outside his library on a small terrace, a gilded bird cage above his head, the miniature door just ajar.

The election was a lost opportunity, he says. Ballots were tampered with. Perhaps Mubarak has another chance if he forms a new cabinet with initiative. Heikal talks of the humiliation of the poor growing worse, of their frustration when democratic dialogue fails to produce results. Had he been to see the poor, to Chubra, perhaps, where at least two million people live in hovels? Heikal replies honestly. "My wife wanted to look at a mosque there before Ramadam", he says. "But she was frightened so I went with her. I went for the wrong reason."

The tree-lined avenues where Mohamed Sayed Ahmed lives on Zamalek is stirred by the breeze from the Nile. There are oil paintings on the walls of his flat and an air conditioner roars as he explains how Mubarak neutralized "Sadat extremists" and the less radical opposition. Sayed Ahmed is one of Cairo's foremost leftist writers, thin, bespectacled, a man of enormous energy who just escaped arrest in the last days of Sadat's rule. He talks about the reemergence of the "bourgeois, anti-revolutionary" Wafd, which won 57 seats in the Parliament. But the factors of instability accelerated. Prices are due to rise with new International Monetary Fund demands. The army, he claims, is disillusioned by the "victory" of peace.

Sayed Ahmed talks about upheaval and the Islamic revival's ability to question western revolutionary ideas. "Another explosion will not take the form of previous ones". He cannot explain what may be the truth, that there is a unity and organization within the Islamic revival that is impervious to both the left and the security police.

Russell Baker

A pity I missed out on Hart

New York
Every four or five months, I immerse myself for a few days in the political news pouring from the newspapers and television screens of America. Don't ask why. Maybe it's out of respect for a past when politics and government seemed vitally important.

In those days I felt it a civic duty – a responsibility, a moral obligation – to participate in politics, if only by studying its daily progress in microscopic detail so that on election day I could cast a well-informed vote.

A well-informed vote – oh yes, my votes were always extremely well informed. I confess to having taken arrogant pride in this. I often sneered when millions of obviously utterly uninformed voters overpowered the candidate of my choice.

Such is the price democracy must pay for its refusal to disenfranchize the ill-informed segment of its population, I said to myself.

Ah, but do not think I ever believed my own chosen candidate was much superior to the victorious candidate of the wretchedly uninformed. I was, after all, well informed, and so knew very well that neither my candidate nor theirs was much to boast about, except in the rarest of elections.

Most often, being well informed meant being able to discern which candidate was the least terrible. Often it required a willingness to vote for the liar rather than the fraud, for the unprincipled lout rather than the mental incompetent, for the petty crook rather than the aspiring Mussolini.

Afterward, having done my duty, met my responsibility by casting a well-informed vote, I experienced contradictory emotions. These became more intense with the passage of time as I noticed that despite conscientiously meeting my responsibility and doing my duty, government kept going on very much as though I had not voted at all. Whoever won – whether my candidate or the candidate of the ill-informed – did not seem to matter.

Nuclear competition continued to intensify, tax law continued to become increasingly impenetrable, bureaucracy continued to become more and more labyrinthine, governments continued to spend more and more of the national wealth with less to show for it.

Obviously I was in an emotionally untenable position. I was dutiful and responsible, yet I was helpless. Doing my duty did not seem to matter. If I was helpless to affect the most important labour of government – and clearly I was – it was absurd to pride myself on being responsible. If I was responsible, then I must be responsible for the helplessness of the situation.

Reaching this conclusion, I saw the folly of wallowing daily in the tedium of the political news in order to cast a well-informed vote. Could I not achieve the usual political result much more easily by casting an ill-informed vote or no vote at all?

And so I cut back on political news, reading hardly any at all except for brief, intense immersions every four or five months, one of which I enjoyed this week. It was reassuring to see I hadn't missed much since January.

Apparently it will be a waste of time holding a presidential election this year since Ronald Reagan already has it sewn up. Of course they have to go through with it anyhow – the constitution won't let the Democrats cancel the engagement – but the reporters and columnists are pretty impatient about it all the same.

Walter Mondale obviously doesn't suit them. He's too dull. President Reagan, I gathered, is a cinch to win because he has been looking presidential on television from Asia and Europe, while Mondale hasn't travelled anywhere colourful at all, hasn't done anything exciting except campaign and, what's more, doesn't even look presidential.

The news leaves little doubt that the reporters and columnists would like to be rid of Mondale so they can have a real election to work with. You might think they would be delighted with Mondale, since he provides them an easy four months with nothing to do but write that Reagan is unbeatable.

Still, news people are as human as anybody else, and we all know the cussedness of human nature. They probably like to slave away writing about a Mondale replacement candidate who looked presidential. If I were Mondale, I would stay off the press plane until Reagan is finished carrying all 50 states.

After that, everything will continue as it always continues, and as it would continue even if Mondale could look presidential enough to get elected.

When repelling poachers would be the limit

Anyone who has ever attended even part of a United Nations conference will have learnt to expect a great deal of rhetoric and not a lot of realism. Today's gathering in Rome, to discuss the management and development of the world's fisheries, is likely to prove no exception.

The Food and Agriculture Organization, which is running the event, can hardly be faulted. It has assembled a mass of background material and statistics in surprisingly readable form. No delegate can claim to have been badly briefed.

The motivation for the conference is also admirable. The world's oceans, lakes and rivers contain huge, renewable food resources which can and should be exploited to help feed its 450 million or so undernourished people.

At present we eat some 76 million tonnes of fish a year, compared with about 140 million tonnes of meat. M Jean Carroz, the conference's impressively well informed secretary-general, estimates that demand will rise to around 100 million tonnes by the end of the century. But the total catch has risen by less than 10 million tons in the last decade, and last year it scarcely rose at all.

It goes without saying that some of us eat a lost more fish than others. About three-fifths of the total world catch goes to North America, Western Europe, the Soviet bloc, Japan and Australasia. Put another way, if you live in a Third World country and are not actually starving, you will eat about 17lb a year; if you live in a rich country, you will eat about 45lb and, if you happen to be Japanese, Norwegian or Spanish, a lot more than that.

Adjusting the balance will not be easy. The sea's bounty, like the earth's, is unequally distributed. Some countries have long coastlines and offshore waters teeming with marine life; others have not a drop of ocean to call their own.

It is not a distinction which hitherto has meant very much to countries like the Soviet Union, Japan, Norway, Spain and Denmark, whose huge fishing fleets have plundered the high seas for generations. But it is one that will be very much on the minds of the delegates in Rome, because legally the sea – or a large part of it – is no longer common property.

The idea that countries should claim sovereignty up to 200 miles out to sea from of their coasts belongs to Chile and Peru, which in 1947 decided that foreigners should not be permitted to share in the rich anchovy shoals that flourished in the cold waters of the Humboldt current. (Ironically the anchovy have now been almost wiped out, partly by overfishing and partly by the invasion of *El Nino*, the warm current from Mexico which the fish do not like.)

To many countries, particularly those with international fishing interests, the whole concept seemed outrageous. It even provoked a "war" between Britain and Iceland, which led to the virtual extinction of the British distant water trawler fleets.

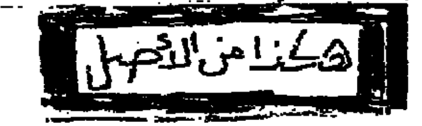
Outrageous or not, the 200-mile limit is now embodied in the Law of the Sea. Many of the world's poorest nations, in tropical Africa, Asia and Latin America, now have exclusive rights to resources which they have no idea how to exploit and no means of protecting.

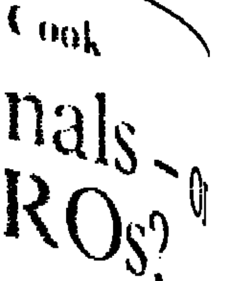
Some of the richest fishing grounds in the world, for example, are to be found off the Atlantic coast of Morocco and Mauretania, where the few inhabitants are mostly desert nomads. Argentina and Uruguay have traditionally turned their backs on the South Atlantic because their people prefer to eat vast quantities of beef.

Who or what is going to stop the Russians and the Japanese carrying on just as they always have is far from clear. In Rome recently I pointed out to one of the conference speakers that the British fisheries protection service was probably bigger than the combined navy and airforce of certain Third World countries, even if they possessed either. When I asked how Angola or Somalia was expected to defend their territorial integrity, I was met with silence and one of the uncertain smiles which suggested that the press really had no business asking questions.

But it is not a problem confined to the Third World. Britain, it may be remembered, still has responsibility for a scattered range of maritime colonies, including a certain group of islands in the South Atlantic. The idea that the Royal Navy might have to turn its attention to repelling not just invading Argentines but trespassing fishing fleets is something that the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence prefer not to think about.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FONTAINEBLEAU

The settlement reached in Fontainebleau is not an ideal one from the point of view of British interests, or from that of the interest of the Community as a whole as Britain sees it. The British contribution is to be reduced by 66 per cent, not of the actual net deficit but of the notional (and lower) deficit which results from pretending that we contribute no higher a proportion of the Community's customs revenue and agricultural levies than we do of its value added tax. The Government had demanded a 75 per cent rebate on this lower figure, and as late as Monday were insisting that nothing less than 70 per cent would do.

Moreover, the settlement still takes the form of special treatment for Britain, implicitly a tribute to our bloody-mindedness as much as to the justice of our case. The 66 per cent formula is not automatically applicable to any other country which finds itself in a similar position. In form, it is not even a permanent solution although, by a subtle twist, the time limit imposed is one more to our advantage than our detriment: the formula is valid for as long as the Community lives within the new ceiling on its "own resources", which Britain has agreed to lift from one to 1.4 per cent of value added (subject to parliamentary ratification).

Since any further rise in this ceiling would again require British consent, that appears rather to legitimize in advance a British request for an improved rebate when that time comes, than to give our partners any hope of phasing out the rebate now agreed. Presumably that was Mrs Thatcher's price for accepting the 66 per cent, but it is not a concession of great value since Britain would in any case be under no obligation to agree to a further increase in overall Community expenditure if we felt that we were still paying more than our fair share.

The whole deal, indeed, remains conditional on a formula for the control of spending being agreed by the finance ministers at their meeting next month. Britain would like such a formula enshrined in law but there is a danger that what will emerge will be no more than vague guidelines. The minds of the finance ministers may be concentrated, however, by the knowledge that the increase in "own resources" has still to be ratified by the House of Commons.

The settlement is not ideal, but there was never any prospect that it would be. There are real divergences of interest between member-states, as well as genuine and deep-seated differences of opinion about the interest of the Community as a whole. In such a case the only possible solution is a compromise which is bound to seem less than ideal to all concerned. From Britain's point of view, this compromise is acceptable, for two reasons.

First, it leaves Britain in a position to insist on greater financial stringency, both in the short term (ratification conditional on a satisfactory outcome of next month's finance ministers' meeting) and in the long (the "results of budgetary discipline" and the distribution of costs between member-states to be reviewed before the new ceiling on own resources is reached).

Secondly, it is an agreement which permits the Community, after a year of existential crisis, to turn its collective mind and energies to other things besides the accounts. There is very important work to be done, in shaping a Europe-wide industrial and energy strategy, in creating a real common market for goods and services, in co-ordinating economic and monetary policies, in working out a joint procurement system to strengthen Europe's conventional defences within Nato, and in achieving a common European policy for the defence of European interests in areas outside Nato, most notably the Persian Gulf.

To do all that will require a smoother working of the Community's decision-making machinery which, if it were achieved, might be fittingly symbolized by some of the things that were being discussed in the more euphoric sessions at Fontainebleau such as a European flag, a European anthem, a European honours list (God save us!) and, somewhat more practically, a European passport. (Better still if Europeans could travel within Europe without having to show a passport at all.) But unless we learn to cooperate on the things that matter, such symbols will only mock our impotence by their hollow pretence.

HOW GREEN AND PLEASANT?

In the course of its new presentation of strategy the Nature Conservancy Council remarks, "Arguably, the most striking achievement of the nature conservation movement since 1950 has been its own growth". That is a risky thing to say in the present political climate. It stirs the decapitating reflexes appropriate to the word "Quango". It invites scrutiny of a grant-in-aid of £14 million for an activity whose output is recorded in terms of self-enlargement. It summons Rayner.

As a matter of fact Lord Rayner has been there already and came out saying the conservancy was understaffed. Quite apart from that, the validity of the nature conservation operation is secure. In the first place its success depends to a large extent on the mobilization of public opinion, since it works as a counterweight to powerful economic pressures and interests. Growth in public support for it is one proper measure of its effectiveness.

There have been more tangible succcesses too. Some 7 per cent of the land surface of Great Britain is now in some way protected for nature conservation, as reserves or sites of special scientific interest. Nor is wildlife in total retreat. Though there have been particular casualties among the birds, like the poor corncrake which has been almost wiped out by modern hay and silage making, more species now breed in Britain than were known when the century began.

Against that has to be set unquestionably severe loss and damage to wildlife and its habitats in the period since the war – the shrinkage of permanent meadowland, chalk and limestone sheepwalks, marsh, fen and mire, coppices and ancient deciduous woodland, rough grazing and heather on the hills. The losses are almost enirely due to the encroachment of forestry and the intensification of farming.

The NCC recognizes that where interests in land use compete there has to be compromise. But surveying the devastation that has occurred to its particular interests, it concludes that "the great compromise has been made already through the surrender of so much of our heritage of nature to development for the national good". Nature conservation "has been compromising all the time, often indeed with little choice . . . [until] in some parts of Britain there is little if anything left to compromise about". It is time to go over to the offensive.

The Nature Conservancy Council's rationale of its purpose is primarily cultural: the con er-ation of wild flora and fauna, and geological and physiographical features of Britain for their scientific, educational, recreational, aesthetic and inspirational value. To preserve the face of the land as a kind of open-air laboratory for the advancement or training of scientists, to indulge the native penchant for natural history, to keep the landscape in a dress that people like for reasons of familiarity, to add another dimension to the notion of heritage – these are laudable or harmless objectives, but they are less than compelling when they encounter the powerful forces of policy or the market that would overwhelm them.

The direction in which the NCC looks for harder ground on which to stand is towards integrated resource management: the management of both renewable and non-renewable resources in such a way as to reconcile the thrust for development with the requirements of conservation in order to establish a trend path that is sustainable into the future both economically and socially. Such ambition is far beyond the terms of reference of the conservancy; it is also beyond anything the present government would be capable of doing or would wish to attempt. But the ideas that have come together to form that ambition are important and potentially fruitful.

One area ripe for their application is that of agricultural and forestry policy. The postwar policy of high input/high output husbandry, productivity targets in the form of labour-output ratios, maximizing production and bringing marginal land into cultivation, has now toppled over under the weight of its own success. The edifice requires reconstruction to a new design. Public policy is ripe for revision, coupling agricultural production with other land-use objectives especially the conservation of nature and recreational enjoyment of the countryside. Incentives and subsidies should be redirected to serve the mixture of purposes. Conservation would then have a more positive purpose after its long, well-fought rearguard action.

STANDING FOR PARLIAMENT

Today the members of the House of Commons consider the fairness of the processes that put them there – or at least such aspects of these processes as the Home Affairs Committee saw fit last year to recommend for reform. None of the changes put forward by the committee and endorsed by the Government as a basis for legislation would represent major acts of enfranchisement likely to change the face of future parliaments. But they would make it easier for some concerned electors to register their votes, and might restore to the process some of that decorum which it has often lacked in recent years, by discouraging frivolous and futile candidatures.

It is hard not to feel a certain pang of regret for some of the bizarre and impudent party labels which have appeared printed on many ballot-papers at recent general elections and – in particular – by-elections. Most of these eccentrics and self-publicists would no doubt be deterred by the proposal to raise the deposit from £150 (a figure set in 1918, when it was the equivalent of £2,000 in today's money) to £1,000, even if at the same time the threshold for forfeiture were brought down from 12½ per cent to five per cent of votes cast. An election is too important an affair to be made ridiculous by the antics of some recent clown-candidates and commercial opportunists. The deposit buys considerable rewards in publicity and free mail – the latter alone worth as much as £8,000 in an average constituency – and it is time for stronger disincentives.

But it would be a real loss if the change deterred serious appeals to the electorate, even ones with negligible chances of success. An election is not simply about who is going to occupy a seat at Westminster: it is also an occasion to express and test the currency of views right across the political spectrum. By raising the cash requirement while lowering the requirement in votes, the Government seeks to exclude the clowns but not the serious. But very few minority candidates secure even five per cent of votes, and the requirement to lodge £1,000 deposits in advance would be a heavy burden on minority parties seeking to test their support over wide areas of the country.

Some evidence to the committee suggested that it was inherently unfair that the right to appeal to the electorate should depend ultimately on depth of pocket. It was suggested that entitlement should depend on securing the written support of a significant number of electors, instead of the ten required at present. This would create problems about verification, for people's readiness to sign almost anything put before them is so great that 100 would be the smallest figure that might represent a real test. The condition might be waived for parties which had gained a significant percentage at the previous election, and the busy returning officer might be required to verify signatures only when challenged. But for all its attractions, this approach appears to have so many practical difficulties that the Government's proposals must appear more satisfactory.

The number of voters enfranchised by these proposals would be small compared to the number effectively barred from voting today by the inaccuracy of the Electoral Register. Even when it is compiled it is reckoned that six per cent of those entitled to be included are not, and the same number included when they should not be. By the end of its period of currency the margin of error rises to 5½ million. Cumulatively, these errors can introduce a significant political bias, and allegedly the timing of some elections has been influenced by the state of the register. Accuracy in this matter costs money, and the Government has no plans to invest in improving it. But in a computer age inaccuracy at this level is unacceptable, and Parliament will show a poor sense of priorities if it debates the minor defects in the franchise while disregarding this major one.

The ups and downs of British prices

From Professor A. D. Wilkie

Sir, Mr Tim Congdon (June 13) discusses "The brave new world of zero inflation". If this ever occurred it would indeed be a new world, not a reversion to an old world.

Price indices derived from historic data are not as satisfactory as those constructed at the time, but such records as there are give a good indication of the annual fluctuations in prices that have occurred.

Between 1661 and 1914 prices in England showed only gradual changes in level, sometimes up, sometimes down. But the annual changes were just as great as in recent years.

Prices fell by over 20 per cent in 1712 and 1802, and rose by over 20 per cent in 1800 and 1853. The standard deviation of the annual change in prices was about 7 per cent, which means that a statistician at the time could have predicted next year's prices to within only about 14 per cent either way, and still have been wrong one year in 20.

By contrast, the period since 1914 has shown rather more predictable price changes. There has been a strong tendency for inflation to carry on to some extent in the same direction as in the previous year, but the standard deviation of the change has been only about 4 per cent so our hypothetical statistician could have predicted prices to within plus or minus 8 per cent, and been right in 19 years out of 20.

It therefore seems possible that, in this brave new world we hope for, prices might well fall by 10 per cent or more some years, while rising a comparable amount in other years. I do not know whether this will lead to any greater economic stability. But if people decide not to buy cars or televisions this year because they think they will be 10 per cent cheaper next year, then we may be in for a real slump.

Relative prices also need to change. Since 1974, when the present price index was rebased at 100 for all products, the index for the price of women's outer clothing has risen to 155, whereas the index for books has risen to 520. If there had been no change in the average level of prices, women's clothes would have fallen to 45, and books risen to 151.

If the overall price level is to remain constant, we need to find mechanisms for allowing prices, and possibly even some people's incomes, to fall in money terms.

Should we not now be considern the consequences of falling prices?

Yours faithfully,
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June 15.

Honesty to God and the Church

From the Bishop of Salisbury

Sir, Within the Church of England there are many loyal and devoted members who are utterly convinced of the truth of the central doctrines of their faith: the Trinity, the Incarnation, the Atonement, the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit. At the same time they have private variations of belief on matters arising from these doctrines, sincere and often deeply pondered deviations from orthodox tradition.

It will be an immeasurable gain to such Christians to have as a bishop in their Church someone who can expound the central doctrines with such conviction, enthusiasm and vivid relevance, and at the same time know what it is to stand where they stand on some of the secondary matters.

It will also be good for us to have as a teacher of the faith someone who, because he is so transparently honest about the lesser points on which he differs from the tradition, can be totally believed and respected when he preaches on the primary issues.

Having known Professor Jenkins for 25 years I look forward eagerly and thankfully to the contribution he will make as a bishop to the life and thinking of the Church and I know that when, at his consecration, he affirms his loyalty to Bible and creeds as his inheritance of faith, he will be speaking the truth.

Yours faithfully,
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Salisbury,
Wiltshire.
June 25.

From the Reverend E. W. L. May RAF (retd)

Sir, It is reported that next Sunday a petition containing thousands of signatures is to be presented to the Archbishop of York asking him seriously to consider whether he should consecrate Dr David Jenkins as Bishop of Durham on July 6 if he should fail to affirm publicly that he believes the creeds "as the Church has consistently interpreted them".

It is well known that recently he expressed disbelief on television in the Resurrection as an historical event and also cast doubt on two other basic Christian doctrines.

Meanwhile in Halsbury's *Laws of England* it is stated that clergymen of the Established Church who publicly repudiate fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith are guilty of "offences cognisable by the courts", in that they are "depraving the Book of Common Prayer, and maintaining doctrines repugnant to the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion – doctrines which are absolutely essential to the Christian faith or at least of most high importance" (vol. 14, para. 1354, 4th edition).

The state should request the Archbishop of York not to proceed with the consecration in York Minster until the matter has been debated in the General Synod of the Church of England and the problem eventually resolved to the satisfaction of both Church and state.

E. W. L. MAY.
Bridge,
Winsham,
Chard,
Somerset.
June 25.

From Dr James Mark

Sir, In his letter (June 25) on the recent remarks by the Bishop-designate of Durham Professor Mascall rightly tries to establish a distinction between objective truth and subjective feeling as the basis of theology. The difficulty arises over the way in which he tries to define it.

All Christians would, or should agree with his emphasis on the events which "continue to have effects which transform the entire human race, and through it the whole of the created universe".

Those who, like myself, sympathize with the Bishop-designate of Durham would insist, however, that these effects are so great as to surpass the power of human beings to understand them, though the challenge to do so will persist to the end of time.

In this situation it does not seem to me helpful to speak, as Professor Mascall does, of "a change in the objective condition of the universe", an assertion implying the need for verifiable evidence which it might be difficult or impossible to provide or defend.

It is surely more rewarding to speak of an unique revelation of God to men, of which we speak as best we can. In doing so we should gladly recall the ways in which men have spoken of it in the past, but recognize that we cannot claim the force of literal description in referring to events which lie beyond it.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES MARK,
6 Manorbrook, SE3.
June 25.

The miners' strike

From Mr George W. Holt

Sir, Trade unionists in Fleet Street – the ordinary printers, journalists, clerical and distribution workers – have demanded, through a "right of reply", that the miners' voice is heard for a change. We have produced this statement because we want readers to know that the men and women who make daily newspapers are resolute in their support of the miners.

Why?

- We want to stop thousands of miners – and their families – joining the four million people who daily endure the indignity of being without work.
- Britain needs coal: we have greater reserves of coal than any country in Europe, but in ten to 15 years we will – on present policies – once again be dependent on imported energy. The present Middle East war demonstrates just how vulnerable we are.
- North Sea oil is a precious resource. At the moment it is being frittered away on funding the army of unemployed. In another decade or so, the oil will be gone . . . forever.
- The Government lied to you. The Prime Minister has repeatedly said that the Government will not interfere – but the truth is that she has deliberately been working to prolong the strike.

Were the miners to lose, Britain would be the poorer, harsher, and more divided. We will not allow that to happen.

GEORGE W. HOLT,
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June 26.

VAT on buildings

From Mr Richard Freeman

Sir, The ancient church in this tiny village is about to undergo extensive and essential repairs.

The VAT on the estimate amounts to £4,566. The number of people on the church electoral roll is 13, producing a figure of £351.23 per person in VAT alone.

Is this what the Government considers to be fair and reasonable taxation?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD FREEMAN,
Yew Tree Farm,
Brundish,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.
June 18.

Prince and architects

From Mr Andrew Anderson

Sir, I cannot comment on the particular case to which Colin St John Wilson refers (June 19) but Quinlan Terry and I were at architectural school at a time when a traditional design with as much as a pitched roof ran into trouble with the staff and we all had difficulty in getting qualified as a result.

The strongest opposition to the sea change taking place in attitudes still comes, as then, from inside the profession.

No one who has visited the Sainsbury Centre here in Norwich can fail to be impressed by the spacious tranquility of the interior and by the beautiful detailing. It is the outsides of buildings we do not seem to be as good at designing as our ancestors.

Perhaps it is because we take the weather less seriously (until the roofs or windows leak) but the main reason is, I suspect, because the street – or the square – is no longer a place to spend time in but merely an inconvenience to be negotiated as quickly as possible as we rush from one appointment to the next.

Good buildings need time as well as space.

Yours faithfully,
A. ANDERSON,
1 The Close,
Norwich.
June 20.

A voice in Europe

From Mr J. W. Saunders

Sir, In terms of popular support, the National Front in France (11 per cent) and the Greens in Germany (8.2 per cent) polled far worse than the Alliance in Britain. If other countries used the archaic insular anti-European system of Britain, it is highly unlikely that either of these newsworthy parties would have won a single seat.

Further, in terms of total votes, even major parties like Mitterrand's Socialists (20.8 per cent) fared little better than the Alliance.

Surely Mrs Thatcher's Government must take steps now to ensure that this British farce is not repeated in 1989? Strasbourg has yet to see our new Labour MEPs. Most of them are anti-European and so far to the left they will have most affinity with the Communist block.

Europeans will once again chuckle that a proud country can contrive to send such unrepresentative members to an assembly whose purpose is to be consultative precisely because it is supposed to reflect faithfully national opinions.

Mrs Thatcher may be privately delighted that extremist Labour politicians are thus let loose on Europe, but this is not a time for thinking privately or even party-politically: Britain nationally has lost.

Yours respectfully,
J. W. SAUNDERS,
17 Benton Road,
Middlesbrough,
Cleveland.
June 19.

Hoisting away

From Mr Ronald V. Cox

Sir, I have always been fascinated that pupils, joining the sailing club at this school, use the traditional cries "one-two-six," or "two-six-eight", or "two-six-heave" when pulling their boats out of the water.

Memories of 40 years ago confirm that similar calls were in widespread use in the Royal Navy at that time.

Exploring the origins of these curious sequences my French-speaking colleagues speculate that the "two" might represent the French *tous* and that "six-eight" might be an anglicized version of the imperative of the verb *hisser* (to hoist). Hence "two-six-eight" might resemble *Tous: hissez!*

I wonder if any reader knows whether any such phrase is used by French seafarers. Or is there an alternative explanation for the strange ways in which sailors count?

Yours faithfully,
RONALD V. COX,
The Sailing Club,
Gresham's School,
Holt,
Norfolk.
June 18.

Gift of tongues

From Mr Peter Wood

Sir, The Government's reported intention that all children should learn at least one EEC language in addition to English is a remarkably modest one and the Institute of Export-Gallup survey referred to by Mr Royce (June 18) showing only 29 per cent of institute members able to read a German newspaper merely underlines what is now little short of being a commercial disaster.

However, my own limited observation in recent years of British companies attempting to export to Eastern Europe suggests that the commercial problem is bound up with much more deep-seated cultural ones.

The really successful businessmen – they are often lone, highly-motivated individuals or small teams – operating in the Soviet-block countries are generally those with a good command of German, Russian, Polish or Serbo-Croat in varying combinations, tacked on to earlier university training in modern languages or to experience in good schools with a strong modern-languages section.

Even these rare skills are nevertheless useless in themselves unless they are allied to selling ability, energy and the fundamental ability to achieve rapport with their clients. Many of their clients in Eastern Europe will be highly educated people and unless our exporters are able to achieve genuine cultural communication at some depth they may not succeed in their commercial objectives.

This cultural problem, moreover, is not peculiar to some of our businessmen. Professor Thody (June 18) is waspish at the expense of the "private sector", but much of the evidence from Eastern Europe suggests that unless our commercial diplomats have this fundamental energy and will to communicate in the deeper sense with their opposite numbers, they will have little impact, while immersion in administrative and legal French and German will not of itself counteract our inability to be aggressive enough in tough European markets.

Yours faithfully,
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June 18.

Dusty answers to the unemployed

From Mr I. W. Hannah

Sir, How many of your older and more experienced readers, who are unemployed, have received replies along the lines of, "While we are greatly impressed with your experience and qualifications, I regret that we have nothing that would suit you at the present time. . . . However we will keep your papers on file and should the situation change we will be in contact with you again"?

I have received numerous replies of this nature, many using this very cliche. I have also been informed that at the age of 32 I am too old and experienced to be considered for a trainee's position, although I and I am sure many others would willingly go to work in such a position.

After ten years as an Army officer and two years with a private firm (now sadly out of business), I would think that some companies would look at me, but I am reliably informed that most of the filtering is carried out by secretaries, who have no form of personnel training and who know of no other device to put off an applicant than to use such unconstructive cliches, which explain nothing.

If I may be so bold may I suggest to companies that they could help not only the unemployed people of management experience, but themselves as well, by taking on such people for a month's trial and paying them a small sum to cover their expenses.

This would allow the company the chance to have a good look at some of their applicants. It would also boost the morale of some of the jobless and give them some measure of hope for the future.

Perhaps the Government could be persuaded to take an interest in such a scheme, run along the lines of the Youth Training Scheme, for those who are too old to be considered for YTS.

Yours faithfully,
I. W. HANNAH,
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June 22.

A woman's work

From Mrs A. E. Klemz

Sir, What a defeatist bunch of ladies you have had writing in on the subject of women's careers!

Training our daughters to *expect* to have to disrupt their careers for marriage and children indeed! Why always the woman? Why not the man?

Should we not be training our sons to take their fair share of the housework and child-rearing duties? Should we not be training our girls to select their husbands from the growing band of intelligent and enlightened young men who *are* willing to do their share?

If men want to live in comfortable homes and enjoy the company of children then they should be willing to take on some of the drudgery involved – and be prepared to modify their own careers if necessary.

A bit more role-sharing would go a long way to creating mutual understanding and might bring about a drop in the appallingly high divorce rate.

Yours sincerely,
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Hutton,
Brentwood,
Essex.

Smoking ban on Tube

From Mr Ivor Turnbull

Sir, How now may smokers smooth nerves tortured by the cola-drinking hamburger-eating, paper-strewing feet-on-seat-depositing, headphone tintinnabulating habits of fellow passengers (report, June 21)?

Yours faithfully,
IVOR TURNBULL,
116 Long Acre, WC2.
June 21

Pratt's Club

From Mr D. G. Bosanquet

Sir, I am the Duke of Devonshire's solicitor. My attention has been drawn to the remarks about Pratt's Club in *The Times* Diary of June 13, the partial retraction which appeared the following day, and the further reference to the club in today's Diary (June 20). I wish to point out that your information is incorrect.

Under the rules of the club new members are elected by the club committee and not by the general body of members, so the question of blackballing in the accepted sense does not arise.

There is a long waiting list and the names of candidates are brought forward in sequence. Mr Peter Walker's name came up last March and the committee duly elected him. Mr Heseltine's turn has not yet come. Consequently to say either of them has been "blackballed" is untrue.

Yours faithfully,
D. G. BOSANQUET,
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21 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
June 20.

Water everywhere

From Professor N. Kurti, FRS

Sir, It seems (e.g., "Prize university building may be demolished", June 19) that one of the unfortunate results of modern architectural fashions and building methods is excessive "water penetration", i.e., the buildings *leak*. I suggest a competition and the winning firm to receive a tastefully designed emblem with the motto, *Après nous le déluge*.

Yours faithfully,
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Oxford.
June 19.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 26: The Queen this morning opened the Women's Institutes Exhibition "Life and Leisure '84" at Olympia.

Her Majesty was received on arrival by the Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham (Councillor Mrs Ward) and, after opening the Exhibition, toured the exhibits, escorted by the Chairman, National Federation of Women's Institutes Executive Committee (Mrs Anne Harris).

The Hon Mary Morrison, Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The President of the Republic of Costa Rica visited The Queen at Buckingham Palace today.

A Guard of Honour found by the Queen's Guard, provided by the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards, with The Queen's Colour, the Band of the Scots Guards and the Corp of Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major Tom Done, was mounted in the Quadrangle.

The General Commanding London District (Major-General James Eyre) and the Field Officer in Brigade Waiting (Colonel Andrew Duncan, Grenadier Guards) were present.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the new Office Development of the Crown Estate Commissioners at Drummond Gate, Millbank.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the First Crown Estate Commissioner (the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres) and the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (Sir Kenneth Newman).

The Queen unveiled a commemorative stone and then, with The Duke of Edinburgh, and accompanied by the Secretary of State for the Home Department (the Right Hon Leon Brittan, MP), toured the Offices.

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, attended by the Countess of Airlie, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore, Major-General Michael Palmer and Captain Alexander Matheson, left Waterloo Station in the Royal Train this evening for Dorset.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the National Maritime Museum, attended Meridian Day Festivities in Greenwich Park, SE10 today.

His Royal Highness, attended by Brigadier Clive Robertson, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips this afternoon visited RDS Farm Electronics at Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs), Her Royal Highness opened the new extension and, with Captain Mark Phillips, toured the building.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE June 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Royal Foundation of Saint Katharine, in Radcliffe.

Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 26: The Prince of Wales, President, the International Council of United World Colleges, this morning at Kensington Palace received Monsieur Jacques de Thier and Monsieur Luc Wauters.

His Royal Highness attended a meeting of the Steering Committee of The Prince of Wales' Award for Industrial Innovation and Production at the Engineering Council, Canberra House, Maltravers Street, WC2.

Mr David Roycroft was in attendance.

June 25: The Duke of Gloucester presented the CLA/CoSIRA Rural Employment Award at Boughton House, Northamptonshire, this afternoon. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance. In the evening His Royal Highness and The Duchess of Gloucester were present at the Grand Day of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple held in Middle Temple Hall, London. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Michael Wigley were in attendance.

A memorial service for Lord Bishopston will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at noon today.

A memorial service for Mr Michael Christopherson will be held at St Botolph's Church, Aldgate, EC4, on Friday, July 20, at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr A. J. Bate and Miss H. L. Gaskin

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mrs Sylvia Bate and the late Mr Ronald Bate, of Sevenoaks, and Hilary, second daughter of Professor and Mrs Maxwell Gaskin, of Aberdeen.

Mr N. M. Litton and Miss D. Parent

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr M. C. Litton, Grange Farm, Honingham, Norfolk, and Mrs Rosemary Litton, 35 High Green, Brooke, Norfolk, and of Diane, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Parent, of Lowell, Massachusetts.

Mr P. H. Stacey and Miss M. C. Morris

The engagement is announced between Paul Howard, only son of Mrs M. N. Stacey and the late Mr C. M. H. Stacey, of Horley, Surrey, and Marie Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. J. Morris, of Luton, Bedfordshire.

Mr J. R. Terrell and Miss A. C. Vollum

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. D. Terrell of Woodford Green, Essex, and Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. L. Vollum, of Harare, Zimbabwe.

Marriages

Mr J. S. L. Cohen and Miss S. A. C. Frampton

The marriage took place at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, yesterday of Mr James Cohen, eldest son of the Hon Hugh and Mrs Cohen, of Ambarrow Wood, Sandhurst, and Miss Sarah Frampton, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Frampton, of Mill Cottage, Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire. Rabbi John D. Rayner officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of cream wild silk and an off-white silk tulle veil held in place by a diamond tiara. She carried a bouquet of roses, lilies-of-the-valley, stephanotis, orchids, and myrtle. Anthony Nathan, Lucy Diamond, Ginny Samuel, Anna Pearlman, and Susanna Davidson attended her. Captain Charles Cohen, RGJ, was best man.

A reception was held at Goldsmiths' Hall and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A. J. V. Villiers and Miss S. A. Gotto

The marriage took place on Friday, June 15, in Cork, between Mr Valentine Villiers and Miss Sara Gotto.

Mr D. W. Cobb and Miss P. A. Davis

The marriage took place on June 23 at the Church of St John the Baptist, Aldbury, Hertfordshire, of Mr David Cobb, son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Cobb, of Four Oaks, Warwickshire, and Miss Penelope Davis, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Davis, of Aldbury, Hertfordshire.

Mr H. M. Ferguson and Miss R. Beales

The marriage took place on June 23 in the Chapel of Lincoln's Inn, between Mr Hugh Ferguson, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Ferguson, of Chelmsford, Essex, and Miss Rosemary Beales, only daughter of Mr And Mrs Dennis Beales, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London.

Mr R. Kleinschmidt and Mrs C. Baker-Munton

The marriage took place on June 20 in Reading, England, of Mr Robert S. Kleinschmidt, son of Mr R. Stevens Kleinschmidt and the late Mrs Elizabeth Zacharchuk Kleinschmidt, of Pittsfield, Maine, United States, and Mrs Caroline Susan Baker-Munton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gimson, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr and Mrs Kleinschmidt will live in Bedford, New Hampshire, United States.

Up river: A wave from Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, First Lord of the Admiralty, as he leaves for the Embankment after a visit to the headquarters of Operation Raleigh at St Katharine's Dock, on the Thames. Behind him is Colonel John Blashford-Snell, director of operations for the scheme, which will involve 4,000 young people in pioneering ventures between this autumn and the spring of 1989.

Birthdays today

Sir Sydney Caine, 82; Mr Alan Coren, 46; Vice-Admiral Sir Roy Halliday, 61; Sir Thomas Harley, 89; Mr Ron Hayward, 67; Major Alfred Huskisson, 92; Mr Bruce McGowan, 60; Professor Nicholas Mansergh, 74; Sir Alan Mocatta, 77; the Most Rev Dermot Ryan, 60; Dr Thurston Shaw, 70; Sir Harry Trusted, QC, 96; Captain Bernard Thorpe, 89; Sir John Walker, 78; the Very Rev A. C. Warren, 52; Mr Hugh Wood, 52.

Latest appointments

Mr W. R. Tomkys, aged 47, Ambassador and Consul-General at Bahrain, to be Ambassador to Syria in succession to the Hon Ivor Lucas.

Mr W. J. Adams, aged 52, Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign Office responsible for energy matters, to be Ambassador to Tunisia in succession to Sir Alexander Stirling.

Memorial service

Mrs W. Temple

A memorial service for Mrs William Temple was held in Canterbury Cathedral yesterday. The Very Rev Ian White-Thomson, the Right Rev Richard Third, and Canon Arthur Macdonald Allchin officiated. The Right Rev Frederick Temple, nephew, read the lesson and the Right Rev Lord Coggan gave an address.

Museum short list

Six museums have been short-listed for the 1984 Museum of the Year Award, to be announced on July 2. They are the Ashmolean, Oxford; Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Bromsgrove; Boat Museum, Ellesmere Port; Brighton Museum Fashion Gallery; Devizes Museum; and Quarry Bank Mill, Cheshire. The award is sponsored by the *Illustrated London News* and National Heritage and includes a prize of £2,000.

Reception

Canning House

Sir Peter Macadam, President of Canning House, and Mr Keith Hamylton-Jones, Chairman of the Anglo Costa Rican Society, presided at a conference yesterday given by the President of Costa Rica, Señor Luis Alberto Monge. The Ambassador of Costa Rica and Senora de Borbon were hosts at a reception held afterwards at Canning House. Among those present were:

The Ambassadors of Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Spain and Greece and the Charge d'Affaires of Bolivia with their ladies; the Dowager Viscountess Davidson, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, the Sirdar and Begum Aly Aziz, Sir Leslie Bowes, Sir William Harding, Sir Anthony Kershaw, and members of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Councils.

Dinners

United and Cecil Club

Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host at a dinner held by the United and Cecil Club at the House of Commons yesterday. Mr Brian Goswell, chairman, presided and the guest of honour and speaker was the American Ambassador. Sir William van Straubenzee, MP, also spoke.

Northern Ireland Partnership

Viscount Caldecote, Chairman of the Investors in Industry Group plc, and Mr Rupert Hambro, Chairman of Hambros Bank Ltd, were hosts at a dinner last night at Ironmongers' Hall, Barbican, EC2 to mark the Northern Ireland Partnership's business and investment mission to London. The speakers were Viscount Caldecote and the Hon Adam Butler, MP, Minister of State for Northern Ireland.

Norman and Dawbarn

To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the firm, the partners of Norman and Dawbarn held a dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall in the City on Wednesday, June 6, 1984, when the present partners entertained their retired partners, clients and professional colleagues. The toast of the guests was proposed by the present senior partner, Mr John Tucker, and the reply was given by Mr Walton Lindsay.

Latest wills

Garage owner leaves over £1m

Mr Thomas Maiden, of Altrincham, garage owner and scrap merchant, left estate valued at £1,060,769 net.

Rear-Admiral Kenneth Haydn Farnhill, of Portsmouth, secretary to the D-Notices Committee, 1973-80, left £57,548 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Adlam, Mrs Phyllis Annie, of Alton, Hampshire £282,695
Lilliott, Mr Edward Alfred, of Preston, Kent £279,652
Spicer, Miss Norah Lloyd, of All Stretton £313,853
Stokes, Mrs Vera Rosina, of Hayling Island £307,503
Watkins, Mrs Dorothy Frances, of Cuffley £477,039
Thompson, Mr Edward Charles, of Luton £213,527

Church news

The Rev F. W. H. Bentley, Vicar of St John the Baptist, Worcester, and an honorary canon of Worcester Cathedral, has been appointed Resident Canon of Worcester Cathedral in succession to the Venerable P. E. Coleman. Canon Bentley has also been appointed Archdeacon of Worcester.

The Bishop of Fulham, the Right Rev Brian Masters, has been appointed chairman of the executive committee of the Church Union in succession to the Bishop of Dorchester, the Right Rev Conrad Meyer.

Other appointments:

Scottish Episcopal Church

The Rev P G D Jones, Curate of Sandbach Parish Church (Chester), to be Rector of St Thomas's, Aboyne, and St Kentigern, Ballater, with St Margaret's, Braemar (Aberdeen).

The Rev S J G Bennie, Rector of All Saints, Buckie and St John's, Portsoy (Aberdeen) has been appointed priest-in-charge of St Peter's, Stornoway, and St Moluag's, Eorrapaidh, Butt of Lewis (Argyll).

Science report

Seeing the light of colour vision

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Scientists at the medical centre of Stanford University in California have successfully measured the response of single cells in the eye retina to light of different wavelengths by monitoring the electrical signals generated. It is also the first time that electrical recordings have been measured from primates' colour vision eye cells.

The research is by Dr Denis Baylor, professor of neurobiology at Stanford University School of Medicine and two post-doctoral colleagues, Dr Brian Nunn and Dr Julie Schnapf.

The ability of man to see in colour depends on the relative absorption rates of light photons in the three different types of cell which surround the retina. Those cells contain photopigments which have maximum response in different parts of the spectrum.

The Stanford researchers used a special technique developed by Dr Baylor about seven years ago. Colour vision takes place when light is absorbed by the pigments in "cones", the six million light detecting cells contained in each eye. When light is absorbed electrical signals are generated which are then transmitted over a network of nerve cells to the brain.

According to Baylor: "The measurements provide new and basic information needed for understanding colour vision."

The technique is more sensitive because it measures the amplified signals generated by the cells when the light is absorbed. It is considerably more accurate than attempting to measure directly whether light is absorbed by the cells.

The Stanford researchers have measured the red and green sensitive cell cones from the retina of macaque monkeys, which are thought to have colour vision very similar to those of humans.

The researchers say: "The method employs a tiny glass tube into which a portion of a single cell can be drawn with mild suction. The tube's outside diameter is about one-third the thickness of a human hair.

Nature, May 17, 1984.

University news

Edinburgh

Dr Colin T. Whittemore has been appointed to the chair of animal production from June 7. He succeeds Professor J. H. D. Prescott.

Mr E. C. Fernie has been appointed to the Watson Gordon chair of fine art from October 1.

London

Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following:

DLitt: Mrs Laura Ashley, Professor Sir William Coldstream, Professor Geoffrey R. Elton, and Sir Huw Wheldon.

LLD: Sir Michael Clapham and Miss Esther Simpson.

DSc: Professor Sir Derek Barton.

DSc (Econ): Professor Sir Raymond Firth.

DSc (Med): Dr Denis P. Burkitt.

Elections

Professor W H Bruford, and Dr B Stillfried, Director of the Austrian Institute, London, have been elected honorary fellows of the Institute of Germanic Studies, London University.

UMIST

Dr David Williams, reader in mathematics, has been appointed to a UMIST chair in theoretical astrophysics.

Wales

Professor Patricia Clarke, FRS has been appointed to an honorary professorial fellowship in the department of applied biology, UWIST, from October 1. Professor Clarke retires from the chair of microbial physiology at University College London this year.

Hull

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council: £87,413 to Professor G W Gray, Dr K J Toyne and Dr D Lacey for research into Langmuir-Blodgett and related organic films for opto-electronic synthesis of organic materials to form thin films with non-linear optical properties: £93,303 to Professor Gray, Dr D Lacey and Dr Toyne for research into opto-electronic memory-synthesis of liquid crystal polymer materials.

East Anglia

Two honorary degrees will be conferred at the congregation ceremony on July 13 to mark the retirement of the Chancellor, Lord Franks. These are in addition to the names of honorary graduands previously announced. The two honorary graduands are:

Litt D: Sir Walter Oakeshott, art historian.

DCL: Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, former Governor of the Bank of England.

A professorship in environmental risk assessment is to be established by a grant from the Wolfson Foundation. The grant of £225,000 will be over a five-year period and the university hopes to make an appointment in the autumn.

Kent

Appointments

Senior lectureships (from October 1): Dr H St C Cunningham (history); Dr J A Creighton (chemistry); Mr R F Disney (economics); Mr J E M Thirkell (industrial relations).

Open

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council: £96,753 under the special replacement scheme for support of Dr Colin Pillinger, senior research fellow, faculty of science. EEC: £42,400 to Dr J V Wood for research into the effect of metastable surface modifications on the structural and catalytic properties of crystalline and amorphous alloys (in collaboration with the University of Copenhagen).

Exeter

Dr A C Legon, BSc, PhD (Lond), reader in chemistry, University College London, has been appointed to the chair in physical chemistry at Exeter from October 1.

Strathclyde

Dr Michael L. Hitchman, senior lecturer at Salford University, has been appointed to the Young Chair of Chemistry from July 1. He will also head the chemical technology section.

OBITUARY

M MICHEL FOUCAULT

Influential French philosopher

M Michel Foucault, who died suddenly on June 25 at the age of 57, days after the publication of two new volumes of his *History of Sexuality*, was at the height of his influence on French intellectual life. In the wake of the death of Sartre and Lacan, public opinion surveys – towards which the French display the same fascination they have for their intellectuals – regularly named him as the man of letters whose political and moral opinions counted most in the France of the early 1980s.

His influence was built upon the difficult but dazzling eloquence of *Madness and Civilisation*, a history of western attitudes towards the insane; *Words and Things*, a history of the sciences of man in the Enlightenment; *Discipline and Punish*, a study of the origins of the modern prison, and the *History of Sexuality*, his uncompleted archaeology of western attitudes to sexuality since the Greeks.

He was also known in France as a defender of the rights of prisoners, and as a sceptical but supportive critic of the female and gay liberation movements. As an opponent of repression in eastern Europe, he was also associated with the wave of disillusionment with communism, which has helped to break the hold of Marxism and the French Communist Party on French intellectual life.

His influence was full of paradox. He never chose to found a school or an orthodoxy, and hence there are no Foucaultians as there once were Sartrians and Lacanians. He changed his own mind too often to offer disciples a stable orthodoxy. It was typical of the open-endedness of his work that he was publicly withdrawing certain conclusions in volume one of his *History of Sexuality* just as volumes two and three appeared in the bookshops.

While he occupied the chair of history of systems of ideas at France's most prestigious academic institution, the Collège de France; he remained something of an outsider in French academic life

Foucault was born on October 15, 1929 at Poitiers, but instead of rising up through the ranks of the French philosophical profession in the 1950s, he chose, most unusually for a Frenchman, to teach in Germany and Sweden. Thereafter he held chairs at Clermont-Ferrand and at Paris-Vincennes before being appointed to the Collège de France.

Instead of building a reputation within one discipline, as Lévi-Strauss and Louis Althusser were to do, Foucault made his mark by ranging across the fields of history, philosophy and linguistics. In the process, he created a new agenda of questions about the historical character of our sexual experience, the disciplinarian cast of modern reason, and the use of science as an instrument of power. At the end of his life, he was pursuing the history of our attitudes towards the self, in particular why we think of our sexuality as the secret truth of our identity.

Outside France, he enjoyed a mixed controversial reputation. His work was widely translated and discussed. Many senior Anglo-Saxon historians – Princeton's Lawrence Stone, for example – regarded him as a flashy but shallow French conjuror, while younger historians and philosophers were attracted by his capacity to pose questions which cut across academic parish boundaries.

If some historians thought his work lacked solid empirical grounding, and some philosophers felt it lacked conceptual rigour, there will still be many in the English-speaking universities who will regret the passing of a man whose work never failed to subvert the commonplaces of orthodoxy.

MAJ-GEN DESMOND HARRISON

Major-General Desmond Harrison, CB, DSO, FICE, who died on June 23 at the age of 87, was general manager of the ill fated groundnuts scheme, a plan by which the postwar Labour government hoped to produce large supplies of oil and fats from land to be cleared in East Africa.

Harrison, an engineer, had served in both world wars with distinction and was Engineer-in-Chief, South East Asia Command from 1943 and finally Director of Fortifications and Works at the War Office. He had just retired in 1947 when he was appointed general manager in Africa of the ground nuts scheme.

Overseen by the Overseas Food Corporation chaired by Sir Leslie Plummer, this was a Ministry of Food scheme to clear three million acres of bush in Tanganyika, Kenya and Northern Rhodesia with the aim of producing over half million tons of groundnuts a year.

Harrison went out to Africa to supervise the scheme in 1947 but owing to illness returned to this country early in 1949 and resigned from the Overseas Food Corporation later in the year.

In practice the groundnut plan encountered insuperable difficulties. Government estimates for clearing the bush proved wildly optimistic and by November 1949 it was accepting revised aims based on a fifth of the original acreage. These, too, quickly proved to be optimistic in the ensuing months, leaving the Minster of Food, Mr John Strachey to face a torrid time at the hands of the House of Commons.

Harrison had been awarded the DSO in 1940 and appointed CB in recognition of his war work, and was a Commander of the American Legion of Merit.

LADY EFFIE MILLINGTON-DRAKE

Lady Effie Millington-Drake, who died on June 21, was the widow of Sir Eugen Millington-Drake, KCMG, Minister in Montevideo from 1934 to 1941, including the tense period of the Battle of the River Plate and the destruction of the Graf Spee in December, 1939.

Lady Effie, who was the daughter of the 1st Earl of Inchcape, made a donation to the British Hospital in Montevideo, used to build a maternity wing, and later to the Hertford British Hospital in Paris.

She and her husband gave the land on Cooper's Hill, overlooking Runnymede, used for the Memorial to the Missing of the Air Forces of the Commonwealth.

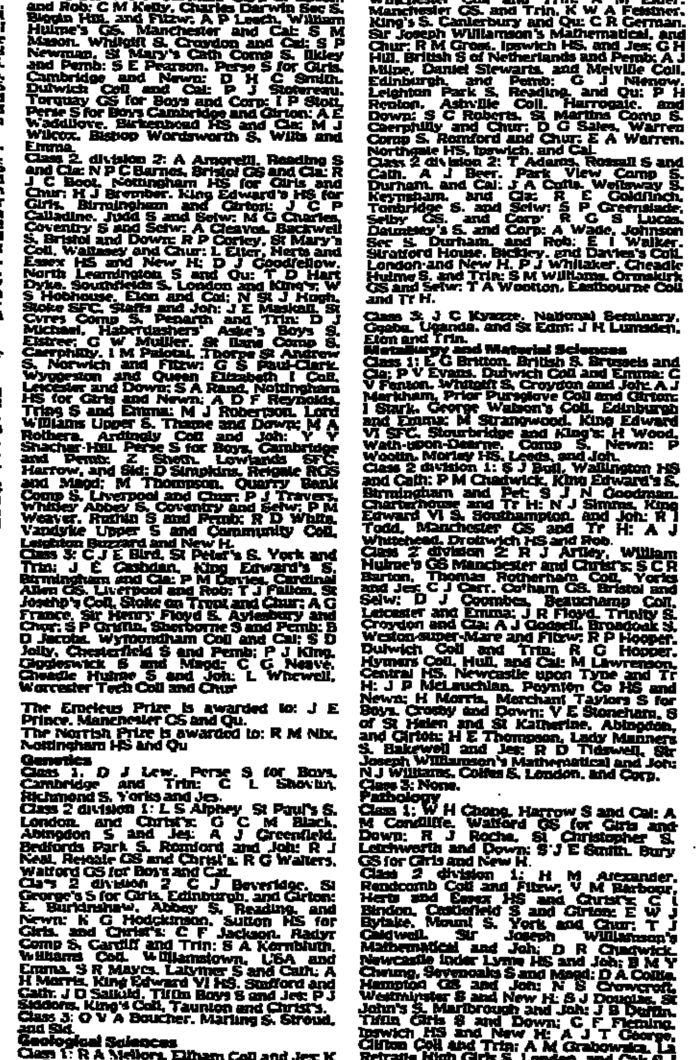
Mr Maurice Henry Whiting, OBE, who died on June 19 at the age of 98, was a Consulting Surgeon at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital and served as president of the Opthalmological Society of the United Kingdom in 1950-51.

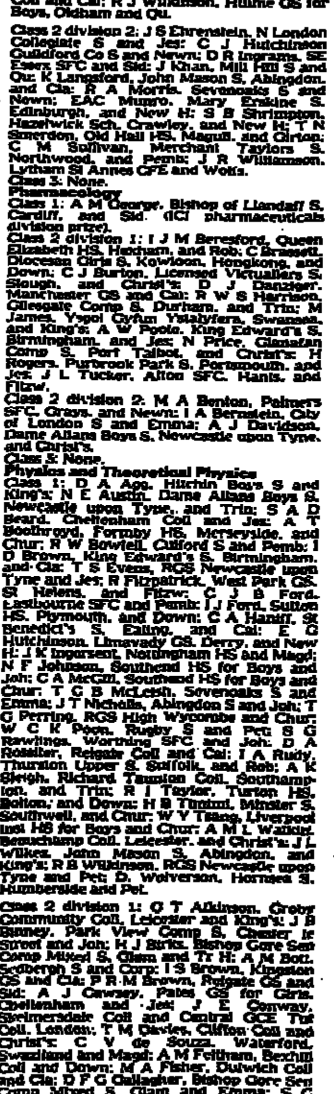
The Right Rev Bernard Markham, who died on June 21 at the age of 77, was Bishop of Nassau and the Bahamas from 1962 to 1972, and after that Assistant Bishop successively in the dioceses of Southwell and Southwark.

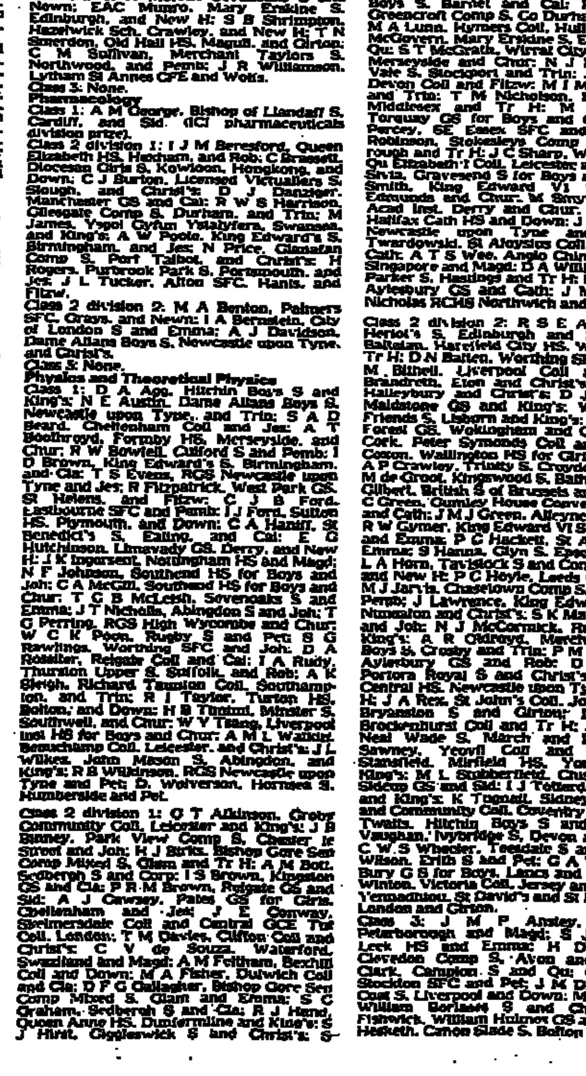
Cambridge Tripos results: Natural history, anthropology, natural sciences

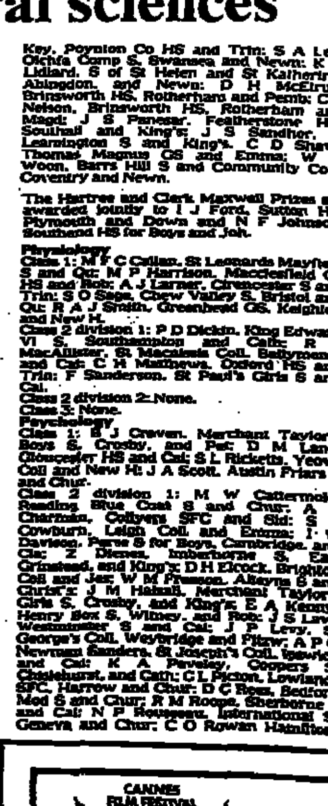
The following Tripos examination results from Cambridge University are announced.

NATURAL HISTORY TRIPOS Part 2 (General), Section 2

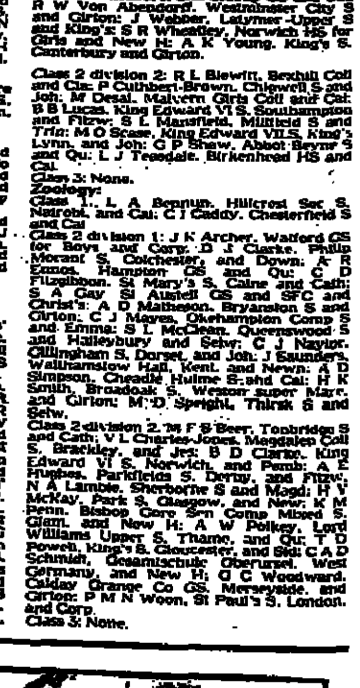




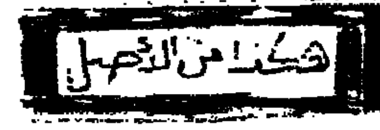




Physiology
Class 1: M F C Callan, St Leonards Mayfield S and Qu; M P Harrison, Macclesfield Co HS and Rob; A J Larner, Cirencester S and Trin; S O Sage, Chew Valley S, Bristol and Qu; R A J Smith, Greenhead GS, Keighley and New H.
Class 2 division 1: P D Dickin, King Edward VI S, Southampton and Cath; R J MacAllister, St Macnissis Coll, Ballymena, and Cai; C H Matthews, Oxford HS and Trin; F Sanderson, St Paul's Girls S and Cai.
Class 2 division 2: None.
Class 3: None.
Psychology
Class 1: B J Craven, Merchant Taylors' Boys S, Crosby, and Pet; D M Lane, Gloucester HS and Cai; S L Ricketts, Yeovil Coll and New H; J A Scott, Austin Friars S and Chur.
Class 2 division 1: M W Cattermole, Reading Blue Coat S and Chur; A R Charmain, Collyers SFC and Sid; S R Cowburn, Leigh Coll and Emma; I W Davison, Perse S for Boys, Cambridge, and Cla; Z Dienes, Imberhorne S, East Grinstead, and King's; D H Elcock, Brighton Coll and Jes; W M Franson, Alleyns S and Christ's; J M Halsall, Merchant Taylors' Girls S, Crosby, and King's; E A Kenny, Henry Box S, Witney, and Rob; J S Law, Westminster S and Cai; J P Levy, St George's Coll, Weybridge and Fitzw; A P G Newnam Sanders, St Joseph's Coll, Ipswich and Cai; K A Paveley, Coopers S, Chislehurst, and Cath; C L Picton, Lowlands SFC, Harrow and Chur; D C Rees, Bedford Mod S and Chur; R M Roope, Sherborne S and Cai; N P Rousseau, International S, Geneva, and Chur; C O Rowan Hamilton.



Class 3: None.
Zoology:
Class 1: L A Bennun, Hillcrest Sec S, Nairobi, and Cai; C J Caddy, Chesterfield S and Cai.
Class 2 division 1: J K Archer, Watford GS for Boys and Corp; D J Clarke, Philip Morant S, Colchester, and Down; A R Ennos, Hampton GS and Qu; C D Fitzgibbon, St Mary's S, Calne and Cath; S A Gay, St Austell GS and SFC and Christ's; A D Matheson, Bryanston S and Girton; C J Mayes, Okehampton Comp S and Emma; S L McClean, Queenswood S and Haileybury and Selw; C J Naylor, Gillingham S, Dorset, and Joh; J Saunders, Walthamstow Hall, Kent, and Newn; A D Simpson, Cheadle Hulme S and Cai; H K Smith, Broadoak S, Weston-super-Mare, and Girton; M D Speight, Thirsk S and Selw.
Class 2 division 2: M F S Beer, Tonbridge S and Cath; V L Charles-Jones, Magdalen Coll S, Brackley, and Jes; B D Clarke, King Edward VI S, Norwich, and Pemb; A E Hughes, Parkfields S, Derby, and Fitzw; N A Lambie, Sherborne S and Magd; H V McKay, Park S, Glasgow, and New; K M Penn, Bishop Gore Sen Comp Mixed S, Glam, and New H; A W Polkey, Lord Williams Upper S, Thame, and Qu; T D Powell, King's S, Gloucester, and Sid; C A D Schmidt, Gesamtschule Oberursel, West Germany, and New H; G C Woodward, Calday Grange Co GS, Merseyside, and Girton; P M N Woon, St Paul's S, London, and Corp.
Class 3: None.



THE ARTS

John Percival introduces Channel 4's ballet season, starting tonight

Alluring invitation to the dance

It is the great curtain of New York State Theatre which viewers will see rise at nine o'clock tonight as Channel 4 starts a five-week television dance season. There are varied times ahead, but sensibly the opening of the series has been planned to be painless. With two ballets by George Balanchine and with New York City Ballet to dance them, you cannot go wrong.

True, *Mozartiana* can be puzzling if you worry about what its separate sections mean, how they relate to each other. But if you just watch the dancing, especially the inimitable Suzanne Farrell in the leading role Balanchine made for her, you will see a very personal interpretation of classical dancing, something no other ballerina could imitate.

The Gershwin ballet *Who Cares?*, the other half of this double bill, is something everyone except snobs can enjoy. Balletomanes will see hints of Balanchine's Apollo in the leading role danced by Sean Lavery; everyone else will spot more than hints of Fred Astaire. Patricia McBride, syncopating her way through the "Fascinatin' Rhythm" solo, is another unique performer, and look out for Heather Watts in "Embraceable You" and the rapidly up-and-coming Lourdes Lopez.

For my money, *Who Cares?* overcomes far better than most rivals the problem of how to film ballet for the small screen. It has the courage sometimes to pull the cameras right back and show the full stage pattern, worthwhile even at the cost of tiny figures; and sometimes to go right in for the solos and duets. That gets the best of both worlds: the exuberant dance invention and the world of Broadway and Hollywood it is saluting.

At the far end of the series, on July 25, and at the other end of the dance spectrum, there is an only very slightly slimmed version of Pina Bausch's *1980*, recorded when she played a packed fortnight at Sadler's Wells. Many people will think there is little dance in it. There is certainly a lot of talking too, and a good deal of role-playing, but every moment is choreographed for the amazing performers of her Wuppertal Dance Theatre.

Susan Sontag's discussion of what Bausch is trying to do (Sunday July 22 – the only programme not on a Wednesday) will tell you what to expect, if you can manage to follow it through the sometimes irrelevant and misplaced illustrations added by the director Jolyon Wimhurst in trying to turn her sensible, enthusiastic talk into a pretentious "television essay".

The Hans van Manen programme on July 4 succeeds better in its commentary by letting the choreographer himself provide it after the Dutch National Ballet have performed three of his works. This gives a real insight into the creator's mind and methods. But another Dutch contribution, by Jiří Kylián's Netherlands Dance Theatre (July 18), may perhaps prove the most stunning event of the series.

I have not yet seen a preview of the documentary half of the programme, with Kylián's account of attending a great gathering of Aborigine Australian dancers on Groote Eylandt in 1980, but the ballet that inspired him to, *Stamping Ground*, has amazing invention for his cast of six who stamp, slide, pounce, preen and twist through tremendously exciting solos and ensembles.

The only British performers are in a double bill on July 11. Tom Jobe's *Run Like Thunder*, with London Contemporary Dance Theatre, seems to me even more frenetic on screen than on stage; will it grab the rock fans? If so, I hope they stay tuned for Ian Spink's *De Gas* with Second Stride: a sparse choreography but visually very beautiful and full of quiet surrealist wit.

Whether dance or any other art is best presented in short sharp bursts like this is debatable. The benefit to the presenting station is obvious. Frequent programmes for a month make an impact and win prestige. The same number spread evenly through the year would look pitifully meagre. But the art gains also from publicity and extra attention. More people will be tempted to watch.

For anyone unused to looking at dance, some of the programmes could be slightly tough going. That seems to me no disadvantage. Something with a definite flavour and demanding positive attention is more likely to hook the interest of those whose concerns are generally in other activities. And the eclectic choice gives more chance for any one person to find something that specially appeals – besides allowing hard-core balletomanes, who will watch anyway, to catch up with a range of things happening in dance today.



Kylián's *Stamping Ground*: may prove the most stunning event of the whole series

London debuts

Commitment in the byways

The **Faber Trio** was formed in 1979 when the members won a chamber music prize at the Royal College of Music; they have been involved with Menuhin's "Live Music Now" scheme, but made their formal London debut only this month. They are an attractive and accomplished ensemble, with a strong commitment to what might be described as the drabber, greyer strands of twentieth-century music.

The unusual instrumentation is flute, viola and harp; thus, as well as Debussy's great Sonata for that combination, they tend to play works commissioned to complement it. Malcolm Lipkin's Harp Trio was written for them in 1982, and they also gave William Mathias's effective and lively *Zodiac Trio*, Op 70, written in 1976 for another similar group of players.

Though they work well as an ensemble, there is a noticeable imbalance between the extrovert, convincing playing of the two female members, the flautist Louise Glanville and the harpist Ruth Faber, and the more restrained and uneven contribution of the viola player James Sleigh. Miss Faber provides the bedrock of the group, and her firmly articulated, rhythmically secure harp playing was always a delight. Miss Glanville's flute playing was occasionally unfocused, but at its best it was bright and dancing.

The recital at the Wigmore Hall by **Sarolta Peczely-Kodály** was an important event, because as the widow of Zoltán Kodály she has some claim to be able to sing his music with special authenticity. Her manner is extrovert, possibly a touch naive, but always ingratiating and, though I personally could not respond with fervour to her treatment of Purcell, Haydn fared better, emphasizing the folk-like quality of his canzonettas.

But the heart of the recital was, of course, the music by Kodály; and here the original songs which ended the concert drew the deepest response from Miss Peczely-Kodály. These are marvellous, terse little essays: "Spring" and "Weeping" from Op 6, and also "Stay, sweet bird" from Op 14, are all beautifully concise inspirations, and she sang them with telling involvement and persuasiveness.

Nicholas Kenyon

The Mirror of Dionysus is a group of four people dedicated solely, it seems, to the performance of the work of two of them, the writer-poet David Ashurst and the composer-pianist David Charles Martin. Their recital, through whose course we were guided by a programme designed to resemble a tabloid newspaper, certainly provided food for thought, though I am not at all sure that Ashurst's and Martin's aims to make music more relevant to its audience have as yet been fulfilled.

Some of the pieces, taken on their own, were delightful. "Promotion", a soliloquy for tenor (Gareth Roberts), was a sadly funny portrayal of a factory worker who fantasizes over a procession of toy soldiers, before coming rudely back to earth from his imagined position as general surveying the troops with an abrupt declaration of boredom. Another solo work, "Jack's Visit", was equally effective because of its reflection of real life. Here an old woman (Penelope Mackay) imagined herself visited at home by her dead son, where in reality she was dying in lonely anonymity in hospital.

Otherwise, though, Ashurst and Martin seemed to miss their mark, save in the appealing vulgarity of their lewd ballad "Jugglin' Jack". Too often their coyly sexual humour was predictable, as frequently was the style of Martin's accompaniments.

The violinist **Duncan Riddell** and the pianist **Simon Shewring** planned their programme intelligently, and included Szymanowski's evocative *Mythes* and Janáček's Violin Sonata between Beethoven's G major Sonata, Op 30 No 3, and Fauré's A major Sonata. Riddell is an accomplished performer, confident and musical, without being particularly adventurous. His manner suited Szymanowski's fairly specific if technically awesome demands better than Janáček's brand of romanticism, which really requires a more subjective performance than it received here. Shewring, whose solo debut impressed me last year, proved himself to be a positive accompanist, sympathetic yet always alive to the importance of his own part.

The American soprano **Pamela Kuhn** similarly had the benefit of an expert accompanist, the excellent Graham Johnson, but could not conceal her own vocal and interpretative shortcomings. Her vibrato is really more of a constant and rather wearing flutter, and her interpretations lack spotaneity, while the smallness of her voice is exacerbated by the limited freedom with which she as yet seems able to deploy it. By far the best singing came with her performance of Barber's *Despite and Still*.

Stephen Pettitt

Television

Why honourable people went to ruthless extremes

Ten years after the Turkish invasion, and at a time when Rauf Denktash's infant UDI looks like hardening into irreversible historical fact, Granada's two-part documentary **Cyprus: Britain's Grim Legacy** (ITV last night and tonight) both probes the wound and points an accusing finger.

To what extent did Britain set the island's two communities at each other's throats? Sir Anthony Nutting, Minister of State at the Foreign Office from 1954 to 1956, now sounds a shade ambiguous. "We leaned on the Turks. We used the Turks. But I don't think we hotted them up." The Colonial Secretary, Lennox Boyd, was seen more excitably excusing the Turks' "fears and anxieties". It was clearly inevitable that Turks should be enlisted as policemen in the drive to defeat the EOKA terrorists, but it now looks as if the British did not appreciate the inevitable results of that – a civil clash more savagely unforgiving than the one which now prevails in Ulster.

Never say "never": Henry Hopkinson did, in 1954, speaking of the possibility of Cypriot independence, and thus ensured both the mobilization of the Greeks and the end of his Ministerial career. Succumbing even now to an attack of nerves as he recalls that fateful speech, he explains the "great difficulty" in which his party loyalty had landed him. Many bombs, murders and riots later, that "never" was changed into the celebrated double negative "not never, but not now"; by that time the negotiations had got so muddled between Governor Harding and Archbishop Makarios (with Grivas lurking intransigently in the shadows) that deadlock and further bloodshed can hardly have come as a surprise.

Produced by Norma Percy, this careful and convincing film reveals the complex pressures – from London, Athens and Ankara as well as from different factions in Cyprus – which lay behind each twist in the violent spiral. With the aid of newsreels and interviews it paints a grimly memorable portrait of the people who starred in this five-act tragedy.

Sir John Harding, tough, realistic and fundamentally decent; Makarios, embodying both Church and State, forced to play poker with his country's future, and overplaying his hand; Grivas, evoked less by his fuzzy voice and photograph than in the innocent-looking dwelling from whose cellar he ordered hundreds of murders. And, above all, terrorists, some of whom gave startlingly candid accounts of their exploits.

Enosis, we are told, was "something of the heart": for union with Greece, clean-living, honourable young men were prepared to follow their leader ("a volcano . . . a very loyal man") into extremes of ruthlessness. A strikingly handsome lady recalled carrying her male colleagues' pistols "in my belt or in my breast" (a capital offence). A man described the way his first victim's face haunted him, and how "after some more killings you get used to killing".

Tonight's instalment opens with a bland and smiling account by the waiter, one Neophytos Sophocleous, who put the botched time-bomb under Harding's bed. Having left it snugly in position, he wandered downstairs to serve his employer what should have been his last meal on earth. Still bland and smiling, he recalls the execution of an EOKA traitor; aother EOKA veteran admits that some people were executed simply because "they speak a lot". A man called Matrosos recalls being flushed out of a cave with the aid of grenades and petrol bombs: his interview is intercut with newsreel footage of the real event. "I jump out of the cave with the hope that somebody will shoot me."

Michael Church

Concerts

The elusive secrets of Erik Satie

Music Projects

Almeida

If Satie were merely inept, trivial and boring, there would be no problem. The awkward thing is that we still do not know, a full century after he started composing, whether it is right for music to be inept, trivial and boring. Essentially it is a question of intention. Did Satie mean his music to be so bad? And, if he did, was he being funny?

Uncertainty about these things is responsible for one of the most interesting phenomena at a Satie concert: the quality of the laughter. When John White played seven little waltzes from *The Jellyfish Trap* the tittering was nervous, spasmodic and embarrassed. Obviously there was a profound recognition that Satie's formal disequilibrium is not motivated by any corresponding harmonic imperative, that his unconnected structures and his constant appeal to modal inflexions of the simplest tonic-dominant harmony are not of themselves sufficient evidence of a new temporal consciousness. He may be pulling our legs. He may be exploring new ideas of what music can be. Or he may just be so odd that this is the best he can do.

Those who favour the visionary explanation of Satie sometimes quote his cantata *Socrate* as evidence of purity, economy and timelessness, but here, as performed by Music Projects/London under Richard Bernas, it was as bad as all the rest, and therefore as puzzling. The three women soloists were seated like sibyls against the bare brick wall of the Almeida Theatre's apse, which had the effect of shifting attention to the very plainly delivered orchestral score. This was no Debussy-style Grecian dream but a bald, uninteresting construction of scale patterns going on for half an hour.

As such it was a lot more appropriate than the feeble and patronising attempts at a group of songs we also heard (not from the *Socrate* soloists, who were excellent). Mr Bernas and the metronomic Mr White were both right to offer their Satie cool. To do otherwise is to trivialize triviality.

Paul Griffiths

Endellion Quartet

St John's/Radio 3

By addressing themselves to Benjamin Britten as well as to Haydn in their BBC lunchtime concert on Monday, the Endellion Quartet showed an eagerness of spirit in addition to assurance of style. Britten's Quartet No 2 in C was his overt tribute to Purcell, an often acknowledged influence in many ways, and its composition in 1945, soon after the first success of *Peter Grimes*, was a way of putting his heritage to creative purpose.

Its constructively symphonic thinking from the outset, where an upward leap of a tenth for each of three subjects is a feature that successfully arouses interest in all that happens to them, was vividly apparent in this performance. A closely calculated ensemble achieved by the players extended into the almost nightmare quality of the continuously muted middle movement.

What Britten called by its resolutely English label of "Chacony" in the finale has so many unexpected elements that it is sometimes in danger of becoming a music analyst's playground. Not the least aspect is a readiness to break the mould of four-part writing and introduce different instrumental balances. The players here responded with a questing spirit in the harmonic variations, a fierce intensity in varied rhythms, and a well balanced ensemble in melodic relationships.

A close-knit texture was also evident in the best of Haydn's venturesome E major Quartet, Op 54 No 3, where the opening repeat in the first movement brought a closer appreciation of the intricate part-writing, and the warmth of expression also counterbalanced the florid decoration that later spreads creeper in the slow movement. A sonorous foundation .. from the cello upwards in the finale supported a variety of expressive character, from playful to conspiratorial.

Noël Goodwin

● Peter Schaufuss, the Danish dancer and choreographer, has been appointed artistic director of London Festival Ballet in succession to John Field.

Law Report June 27 1984

Reasonable time off for union activities

Wignall v British Gas Corporation

Before Mr Justice Waite, Mr W. L. Kendall and Mr T G P Rogers

[Judgment delivered June 18]

When assessing the reasonableness of amounts of time off claimed by a part-time union official for union activities an industrial tribunal was entitled to take into account time off taken by him for union activities on other occasions during the years.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal dismissed an appeal by Mr Clifford Wignall from a decision of a Manchester industrial tribunal who dismissed his complaint under section 28 (4) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, that his employers, the British Gas Corporation, had failed to permit him time off as required by section 28 (1).

Section 28 of the 1978 Act provides: "(1) An employer shall permit an employee of his who is a member of an appropriate trade union to take time off, subject to and in accordance with subsection (3), during the employee's working hours for the purpose of taking part in any trade union activity to which this section applies . . .

"(3) The amount of time off which an employee is to be permitted to take under this section . . . [is such that is] reasonable in all the circumstance having regard to any relevant provisions of a code of practice . . ."

Mr John Hendy for the employee; Mr John Hand for the employers.

MR JUSTICE WAITE said that the employee was a member and part-time official of Nalgo. He served on 22 committees and took at least 12 weeks leave a year for union duties.

He had asked for an extra 10 days a year to enable him to edit a monthly magazine published by the union but his request was refused by the employers.

He complained to an industrial tribunal which held that the preparation of the magazine was a trade union activity but that it was not unreasonable of the employers to say that in view of the leave he already had the extra 10 days was excessive.

There was cross-appeal against the industrial tribunal's finding that the preparation of the magazine was a trade-union activity.

On appeal it was said on the employee's behalf that section 28(3) required each proposed activity to be weighed and tested on its own merits without regard to any other activities or duties, and that the industrial tribunal had erred in law in looking at the totality of the amount of time off taken by the employee.

The appeal tribunal saw no reason for placing constraints on the language of the section. The natural presumption was that a formula as wide as "reasonable in all the circumstances" would include consideration of time which had already been taken when judging the reasonableness of a request for time off for a particular union activity.

Solicitors: Miss P. Grant; Mr Paul R. Smith, Altrincham.

Corroboration by fabrication

Sturley v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

Before Mr Justice Mars-Jones

[Judgment delivered June 18]

It was not a proper form of restraint for a police officer to put a prisoner's arm behind her back and twist her wrist. Two police officers should be able to control a middle-aged woman by holding her hands down by her side; one officer on her own could restrain such a person by means of a hammer-lock and bar.

Mr Justice Mars-Jones so stated in the Queen's Bench Division, giving judgment for the plaintiff, Miss Shirley Ann Sturley, in an action for assault in which she had alleged that she had suffered a spiral fracture of the middle and lower thirds of her left ulna when WPC Beverley Field had put her left hand behind her back and twisted her wrist until the bone broke.

Mr Timothy Wormington for the plaintiff; Mr Michael Wood for the commissioner.

MR JUSTICE MARS-JONES said that the plaintiff was an odd if not eccentric person who did not conform to ordinary standards of behaviour and was capable of behaving in a pig-headed and obstinate way and making a thorough nuisance of herself so far as the police were concerned.

She had been lawfully arrested for assaulting a police officer after having caused an obstruction by parking her car in the middle of the road, and at the police station had been uncooperative and hysterical.

His Lordship had accepted the commissioner's submission that the plaintiff had been shown to be so unreliable a witness that he ought not to accept her evidence as to how her injury had been sustained unless there were some independent corroboration of it. However, his Lordship was satisfied that WPC Field had fabricated evidence that she had seen the plaintiff banging on a detention room door with her fists, in order to try to provide an alternative explanation for her injury, and that two other police officers had not been frank with the court.

That was sufficient corroboration to satisfy his Lordship of the truth of the plaintiff's allegation, and she was therefore entitled to damages for assault.

The injury had caused considerable pain at the time and a small loss of amenity. Her permanent consequent disability was minimal and the appropriate figure for general damages was £2,000.

Solicitors: Kingsley Napley & Co; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.



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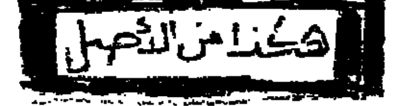
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Sir Adam answers critics on BCal's finances

The House of Lords this afternoon will address its collective mind to the state of civil aviation, alive, I am sure, to the dogfight overhead between Lord King, the chairman of British Airways, and Sir Adam Thomson, the chairman of British Caledonian.

Sir Adam is fighting for the transfer of a number of BA's routes – and perhaps for BCal's life. Lord King is intent on carrying out the job Mrs Thatcher charged him with when she appointed him to BA, namely to privatize BA. If he were to lose profitable BA routes, an already hazardous mission would be threatened by firing from his own side.

On the ground, BCal, partly by the persuasive strength of its arguments against BA as an entrenched private monopoly, partly by skilful lobbying, is winning the propaganda war.

Left to its own devices, the Civil Aviation Authority, which is within an ace of completing its review for the Secretary of State, Mr Nicholas Ridley, of the implications of a privatized BA for competition and the development of the airline industry, would come down broadly in favour of Sir Adam. In Whitehall and Westminster, the Treasury, which needs the denationalization money, is Lord King's staunchest ally.

Amid fierce arguments about airline competition, serving the consumer and the development of Gatwick airport, there is the vital question of finance: not to mince words, the viability of BCal and the capability of the Caledonian Aviation Group to meet the considerable costs of BCal's ambitious drive for BA routes. The CAA had to satisfy itself that applicants for routes have sufficient financial muscle to buy and sustain them. So, I imagine, have BCal's shareholders, notably Investors in Industry, the biggest by far, and BCal's bankers.

The starting point of any analysis of BCal's latest accounts (to October 31, 1983) has to be note 15 which states that £67m of the company's £69m "cash at bank and in hand" is held overseas and remittable to Britain subject to the availability of foreign currency in the debtor countries (mainly Nigeria). Thus the first question I put to Sir Adam was "How much of the £67m is effectively blocked?"

He replied: "After taking account of receipts during recent months only £7.5m of the £67m held overseas at October 31, 1983, remains outstanding for repatriation to the United Kingdom."

We went on from there.

Q: How does the company intend to finance £217m of capital commitments?

A: The capital commitments comprise three A310 Airbus aircraft at an aggregate cost of approximately £98m and seven A320 Airbus aircraft at an aggregate cost of approximately £107m. The company negotiated manufacturers' support for financing all these aircraft. The first A320 is not due for delivery until spring 1988 and we do not anticipate commencing negotiations with the banks for the financing until some years hence. Two of the three A310 aircraft have now been financed and delivered. The third aircraft is due for delivery in 1985 – when the date is fixed the finance will be arranged. No problems are anticipated in arranging aircraft finance.

Q: BCal's gearing is already high; net borrowings, even after deducting blocked cash balances, are nearly twice shareholders' funds, and £24m is a revaluation reserve.

A: At October 1983, the group's debt:equity ratio amounted to 2.9:1 – comfortably within the maximum allowed by leading lenders.

Although revaluation reserves are non-distributable, our major lenders have agreed that they should be included in shareholders' funds.

It is our intention to reduce the debt: equity ratio as part of our refinancing arrangements connected with acquiring British Airways routes. The capitalization of BCal is not important nor relevant because the holding company guarantees BCal's major indebtedness. It is the holding company which will be obtaining a quotation, not BCal.

Q In 1983 loans, lease finance and deposits released exceeded loan and lease repayments. When will the group be in a position to meet debt repayments out of its own earnings?

A Caledonian's forward business plans show such debt service cover being met adequately in all future years including the current year which is due to end in October, 1984.

Q If the group intends to expand its routes it will need to purchase further assets and equipment estimated at £250m. Where will the money come from for this and the £217m of existing capital commitments?

A We are well advanced with our future business plans and have made presentations to stockbrokers and merchant bankers in the City. Plans include full provision for the group's future capital requirements.

Q When can the group expect to pay a dividend again or make an allocation to the staff profit sharing scheme?

A I am confident of paying a dividend to its shareholders and making an allocation to its staff profit sharing scheme out of the profits for the current year to October 1984.

Farewell toast to Charles Tidbury

The ebullient and forthright Mr Charles Tidbury takes his formal leave of Whitbread's shareholders today by presenting his farewell annual statement as chairman.

Mr Tidbury leaves his successor, Mr Sam Whitbread, a fine legacy of achievement and an exciting blueprint for the future. The report shows that since he assumed the chair in 1978, Whitbread's pretax profits have risen from £43.5m to £95.1m, translating into earnings per share which have improved from 10.8p to 19.3p. The net asset value per ordinary share has grown in tandem from 104.8p to 224.2p over the same period.

But the figures are merely the bones of a remarkable change in the texture and the flesh of this 240-year-old company. Far from being only a brewer, Mr Tidbury breaks down the group's acitivities to reveal that United Kingdom beer produces only 40 per cent of total profits. Another 40 per cent comes from retailing, including Thresher off-licences, Henekeys pubs and Pizza Hut eating houses, while as much as 20 per cent comes from wine and spirits wholesaling.

"I believe your is now well astride the leisure market," Mr Tidbury tells shareholders, referring proudly to interest in TV South and a joint venture with the Belgian business GB-Inno. Further afield, he records that Whitbread America has met its second yearly budget, adding that "we firmly believe that Whitbread now has a strong and highly viable base in the US." At the same time, the British beer market is not to be written off, as changes in habits present new commercial opportunities – particularly in the take-home trade.

These are challenges which will no doubt be picked up by Mr Whitbread with verve and vigoru.

Tebbit presses City to reach consensus over regulation

By Philip Robinson

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told leading City figures yesterday that time is pressing for them to come up with a consensus on how the City should be regulated in future.

He hinted strongly that he was happy to accept a large amount of self regulation by the City, providing it adequately protected the investor, but he made sure the 150-strong audience understood that a Government agency has not been totally ruled out if the City could not deliver a united view in time.

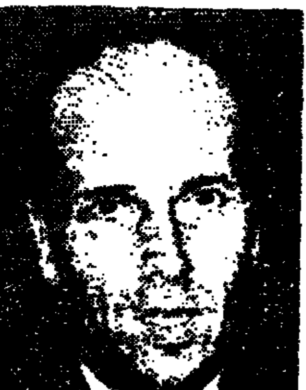
Mr Tebbit was breaking silence for the first time over what he feels should be the broad framework in the revolution which will change the nethod of scaling gilt-edged stocks and create large multi-function banking-broers to compete internationally with the Americans and Japanese.

After a 15-minute speec, Mr Tebbit said: "If I am going to get this show moving I need to have a pretty clear picture in my mind of what I think needs to be done by the late summer, if it is to be agreed with my colleagues by autumn to get the October 1985 slot in the parliamentary timetable."

Missing any of these deadlines, he warned could jeopadize getting the necessary legal backing for a self regulatory system of investor protection into place.

Mr Tebbit se out five main objectives which the City's sonsensus would have to meet:

- A financial sector able to provide services to British industry and commerce, private investors and government in the most efficient and cheapest way and which is internationally competitive.
- Freedom for market forces to stimulate competition and encourage innovation.
- A regulatory framework which accommodates international development and is not a cover for protectionism.
- A regulatory framework which inspires investor confidence by ensuring that the British financial services sector is both competitive and a "clean" place in which to do business and which is clearly seen as such.
- A regulatory framework which is predictable enough to shape the structural changes in the City which are now gathering pace, but also sufficiently flexible neither to cramp this process nor to be overrun by it.



Norman Tebbit: breaking silence over framework.

Mr Tebbit added that his formulated objectives were in general rather than specific terms.

"There is no body in the City today, or elsewhere, who can claim to have a blueprint which will define unambiguously and correctly where the changes now so dramtically taking effect in the financial services sector will end up."

Asked if he thought self regulation would still exist in London in five years' time, Mr Tebbit said: "While I hold this office you will not find the Department of Trade wading into the City trying to regulate right, left and centre." But he said whether that ruled out some form of Government agency was uncertain

Mr Tebbit said it was now increasingly urgent for a consensus view to be formed.

This ought to emerge from the Bank of England's committee of ten senior City figures formed last month to advise on the shape and strucure of self regulation for London's financial markets. It is understood the committee has already submitted some tentative proposals.

Dee looking for Booker

Dee Corporation and Department of Trade officials failed to reach agreement yesterday over whether Dee should go on buying Booker McConnell shares following its £230m bid for the food group being referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Dee was in the market on Friday after it had refused to give voluntary undertakings to the Trade Department that it would not buy more Booker shares.

It is understood that Dee had offered a compromise, but the department has found it unacceptable. Further talks between the two are planned.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index:1024.3 down 8.8 (high: 1029.5; low: 1022.6)
FT Index: 803.9 down 8.8
FT Gilts: 78.25 down 0.8
FT All Share: 481.45 down 4.0
Bargains: 16,507
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 101.91 down 0.89
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1.127 down 2.87
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,245.08 up 72.58
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 927.92 down 8.45

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.3525 up 35pts
Index 79.0 down 0.2
DM 3.7750 down 0.0150
FrF 11.57 down 0.0525
Yen 320.75 down 0.75
Dollar
Index 133.9 down 0.3
DM 2.7865 down 0.0185

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling $1.3540
Dollar DM 2.7845

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9, 9 1/4
Finance houses base rate 9 1/2
Discount market loans week fixed 8 - 7 3/4
3 month interbank 9 9/16 - 9 1/2

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 12 1/8 - 12
3 month DM 6 - 5 7/8
3 month Fr F 12 3/8 - 12 1/4

US rates
Bank prime rate 13.00
Fed funds 10 7/8
Treasury long bond 97 17/32 - 97 21/32

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period May 2 to June 5, 1983 inclusive: 9.516 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $369 pm $369.50
close $370 - 370.50 (£273.25 - 273.75)
New York (latest): $370.25
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$381-382.50 (£281.50 - 282.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$86.50 - 87.50 (£64 - 64.75)
*Excludes VAT

Reagan criticized over debt inaction

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Señor Bernardo Grinspun, Argentina's finance minister, held an extra day of talks with New York bankers yesterday as pressure built on the Reagan Administration to develop a broader approach to the debt crisis after the latest rise in US interest rates.

Señor Grinspun is seeking a new loan from Agentina's creditor banks to pay all part of $350m (£259m) in overdue interest payments before this Saturday when American banks are prepared to list the loans as non-accrual and subtract them from second quarter earnings.

Today, he is due in Washington for talks with the International Monetary Fund.

Meanwhile, the Reagan Administration is being criticized in American Newspapers and by influential Congressmen and Wall Street analysts for not developing a betrter response to the concerns of lLatin American leaders who met at Cartagena, Colombia.

The *Washington Post* said in a critical leading article that the low-key message of the meeting deserved "an active affirmative response", especially given the rise in the US prime lending rate to 13 per cent.

It added: "This latest rise in the prime rate, three days after Cartegena, strengthens the case for thinking that further intervention may become necessary."

Similar sentiments were echoed on Capitol Hill and by influential commercial bankers who said the four-month runup in rates in both the US and Britain strengthened the hand of debtor nations demanding a global approach to the problem.

Bankers estimated that the two-point rise in rates since mid-March has added $5 billion a year to Latin American interest payments.

A senior official of one large New York bank said: "The stakes are too great for all players – the banks, the countries and the US Government – to keep the current situation going much longer."

He agreed with a group of US Congressmen who said that pressure was growing for some form of a "cap" on interest rates, given the likelihood that US budget deficits would remain at historically high levels.

Meanwhile, the White House issued a statement promising stronger action to reduce the deficit after the presidential election but reiterating the Administration's line that the record deficits are not responsible for high interest rates.

Greenall Whitley buys De Vere

By Our City Staff

Mr Leopold Muller, the 81-year-old chairman of De Vere Hotels and Restaurants, ended years of takeover speculation yesterday when he sold his majority stake to Greenall Whitley.

Greenall is paying 120p cash a share for Mr Muller's 51.2 per cent and making an agreed offer for the rest, valuing De Vere – which owns 14 hotels, London's Connaught Rooms and the Mirabelle restaurant – at £44.5m.

De Vere has teased the City with takeover talk for years.

Just last month, talks with an unnamed bidder were called off because the 315p a share terms were unacceptable.

De Vere shares were suspended yesterday morning, pending publication of a statement, then trading resumed at lunchtime. Greenall is offering a share alternative at the rate of one new Greenall share for every 130p cash.

The maximum number of new shares available under the offer is 10.75 million. These will have the right to the final dividend for the year to this September, but not to the 1.928p net interim dividend to be paid on July 13.

In the stock market yesterday, De Vere's price closed 1p lower at 305p while Greenall lost 13p to 124p.

Mr Muller will resign as chairman and a director and become life president. Greenhall is talking with Mr Muller and Mr Leslie Jackson, the managing director of De Vere, about the sale of some of De Vere's non-hotel interests.

● In a separate annoucement yesterday Greene, King & Sons, the brewer, disclosed it now owns 7.253 per cent of Midsummer Inns, the former Camra group. Midsummer is currently the subject of a £1.9m takeover bid from Swithland Leisure, a small private company, which has already bought 24.7 per cent.

Mr William Bridge, the chairman of Greene King, said yesterday: "Midsummer is a customer of ours and we have bought the stake to protect our interests. It is unlikely we will buy many more shares."

Wedd halts dealings with Amex

The C. and R. Pastor debacle continues to haunt London's leading stock jobber, Wedd Durlacher Mordaunt. Wedd announced yesterday that it has reluctantly decided to discontinue dealing with the Shearson American Express investment banker.

Last April, Wedd found itself in litigation with Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb over its dealings in New York for a company called C. and R. Pastor, whose chief executives disappeared, leaving the company with debts of more than £17m, much of it owed to leading American brokers.

Since then, Merrill Lynch has withdrawn its actions against Wedd.

American Express has taken over Lehman Brothers and appears to have decided to continue its litigation. Consequently, Wedd has decided not to do busniess with the Americans until the case is brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Wedd continues vigorously to deny the allegations that it was negligent in dealing for Pastor.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Royal seal for Barclays merger Bill

The merger of Barclays Bank's international subsidiary with the domestic arm drew closer yesterday when the Barclays Bill paving the way for the merger was given the Royal Assent.

By merging the domestic and international sides, Barclays hopes to create a more efficient unit able to give a better service. Cost-savings are also envisaged. The merger is due to be completed by the beginning of next year.

● **MR ROBERT MAXWELL** predicts in the latest annual report of his Pergamon Press, which controls the publicly-quoted British Printing and Communication Corporation, that Pergamon's profit should rise by "at least £4m" this year, taking it over £15m. "With the impetus of the very substantial improvement in profits forecast by BPCC, the outlook for the group is most encouraging."

● **ARGYLL GROUP**, Mr James Gulliver's foods combine, reported full-year pre-tax profits of £40.1m (£25.8m). This is well ahead of the £36.5m the group forecast last year. The final dividend is also better than forecast, making a total of 5p.

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● **RFD** with interests in defence cable components and textiles, is increasing its full-year dividend payment by 10 per cent to 2.464p, despite a drop in trading profits from 2.3m to £1.9m and a decline in pretax profits to £1.6m. (£2m).

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Plan to transform BIA

By Alison Eadie

A body to give greater identity to general insurance business is being planned by the British Insurance Association.

The BIA, which represents more than 340 insurance companies transacting 95 per cent of the worldwide business of the British company market, will be transformed into the Association of British Insurers, which will devolve into two councils, one for general insurance and one for life insurance.

The proposals go to the BIA council next month, then to members. If approved, the association will be launched next spring or summer.

Mr John Howard, the outgoing chairman of the BIA, said at the annual members' results meeting that conditions in the British market, although still very competitive, had become more stable.

Changes in privatization licence

All clear for British Telecom

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

The Government yesterday cleared the final major organizational hurdle in its planned stock market flotation of British Telecom when it published the revised terms of the licence that will govern Telecom's operations as a private sector company.

A draft licence was published last autumn, but has since been modified and tightened up in a number of key areas to meet the fears voiced in Parliament and the telecommunications industry that the original scheme would leave Telecom free to abuse its dominant market position in a number of ways.

Publication of the final licence has been held up by – among other things – a dispute between British Telecom and Mercury, its recently formed private sector competitor, over the terms on which Mercury is allowed to connect its calls to the national Telecom network.

The new licence will lie before Parliament for the next 40 days, paving the way for British Telecom to start trading as a public limited company on August 6. From that date onwards, responsibility for controlling BT's policy and pricing will shift to the Office of Telecommunications, the new regulatory body.

A number of other less important licences – governing such things as Telecom's mobile land radio operations and its value added services such as Prestel – will also be published by the start of August, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday.

The cumulative effect of all these moves will be that the Government is constitutionally free to press ahead with the stock market flotation of British Telecom in the "late autumn" as planned. The target date for the issue is still November.

The final licence confirms that Telecom's freedom to raise its average charges on trunk and local calls will be restricted to three percentage points below the rate of inflation. If the new regime had applied last year, Telecom would not have been allowed to raise its average charges by more than 0.7 per cent.

Among the changes made since the last draft licence was published are clauses tightening the rules governing the supply of directory information, publication of charges and the ban on Telecom cross-subsidizing different parts of its business.

Whitehall officials say that the Government has made efforts to meet all the main criticisms levelled at the original licence.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **RENOLD:** Year to March 31. Latest figures include 15 months for overseas companies. Turnover £134.5m (£120.2m). Pretax profit £300,000 (loss £3.9m). No dividend (same). Group borrowings were reduced by £11.8m during the year. Renold's board reports that the actions taken in the last 18 months have reversed the decline in the performance of the last five years and the core businesses now provide a sound base from which to grow profitably.

● **HEINEKEN TO CONTROL EL AGUILA:** Shareholders of El Aguila voted at the annual meeting in Madrid to authorize Heineken to underwrite a 5 billion peseta capital (£23m) increase which will give it a 30 per cent controlling interest in El Aguila. The money is expected to be used to modernize El Aguila's plant equipment. El Agulia has 70 per cent of the domestic beer market. Its Debts total 11.3 billion pesetas.

● **KEYWEST INVESTMENTS:** In a deal valued at \$A15m (£9.6m), Keywest Investments and its partner, Koitaki Limited, are jointly buying Associated National Life Insurance from Nationale Nederlanden (Aust.). ANL, a life insurance company with statutory fund assets of about \$A100m, is to be purchased by a new company, to be named ANL Holdings Ltd., with ownership equally held by Keywest and by Koitaki, an Australian investment company associated with the Darling family. To help pay for its side of the purchase, Keywest is raising \$A3.8m by a one-for-five fiths issue at 40c, underwritten by Roach Tilley Grice & Co.

● **BSG INTERNATIONAL:** Mr H. A. Whittall told the annual meeting that the latest management accounts confirm that the improved trend in the first quarter has continued for the five months to May 31 last.

● **ERSKINE HOUSE:** Mr B. McGillivray, chairman, tells shareholders in his annual statement that the group's existing businesses are expecting further growth and the board expects 1984-85 to be another year of substantial progress in the development of the group.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9¼%
Barclays	9¼%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9¼%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	9¼%
TSB	9¼%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%
Citibank NA	9¼%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6½%; £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

APPOINTMENTS

National Westminster Bank USA: **Mr William Sovey** has been elected a director.

Williams & Glyn's: **Mr Ken Duncombe** will be assistant general manager, domestic banking north, from next Monday.

Birmingham and Bridgwater Building Society: **Mr Richard Lacy** is to be director and chief general manager from September 1.

LRC International: **Mr R C A Hall**, managing director of Industrial Holdings and **Mr W S Moran**, president of LRC's North American division, have joined the main board.

Lloyds Bank: **Mr Colin Wilks** has been appointed general manager for planning and marketing.

Leslie & Goodwin (UK): **Mr T D Lockhart, Mr H Roberts** and **Mr T F Wilkinson** have become directors.

Economic commentary by Tim Congdon

America's boom cannot last

Is the present condition of the American economy more a scandal or a comedy? As successive statistics are announced, it becomes increasingly clear that the citizens of the richest nation on Earth are growing more rich more quickly than anyone else. America's gross national product is likely to rise by 6 per cent or more in 1984, a figure above that for the rest of the industrialized world and much above that for developing countries as a group.

It is more than a little ironic that the economic success of the world's richest country is based on heavy borrowing from nations and peoples poorer than itself.

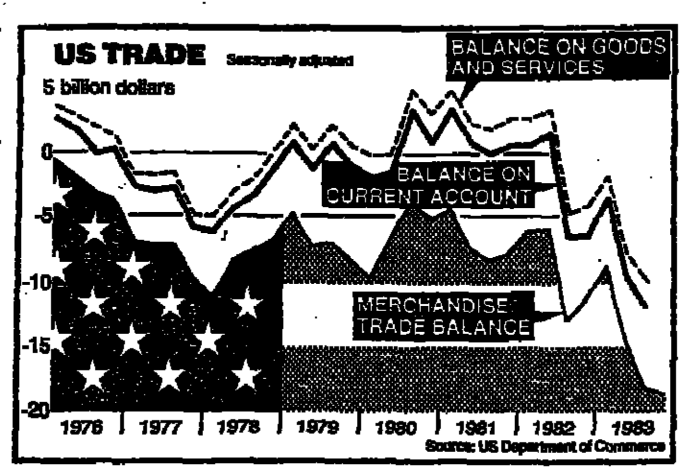
Last week, two new numbers threw light on the anomalous role now being played by the US in the international economy. The first-quarter current account deficit was accounced as \$19.4 billion (£14.3 billion), the highest figure ever; and the "flash" estimate of second-quarter gnp growth was 5.7 per cent at an annual rate, rather above expectation.

The American economy has been expanding vigorously since late 1982. The most surprising and welcome feature of the boom is that it has not provoked a marked acceleration in price increases. The gnp deflator, the most comprehensive measure of inflation, was only 2.8 per cent in the second quarter. The United States gives the appearance of having achieved the miracle of reconciling healthy output growth with low inflation.

The truth is more complex. Output has risen in response to higher demand, but not by much. The gap between the increase in output and the increase in demand has been made good by imports and has caused a deterioration in the balance of payments.

Contrary to the usual logic, the emergence of a very wide current account dificit has not been accompanied by exchange rate weakness. Instead, the more heavily the United States overspends, the more willing the rest of the world has been to lend it money. The strength of capital inflows has buoyed the dollar on the foreign exchanges. Currency overvaluation has dampened down price increases and enabled the US to combine economic expansion with low inflation.

It may be a platitude to say that the current state of affairs is unsustainable. But platitudes sometimes need statement and then repetition. America's trade position has been worsening not just over the last cycle, but for about a decade. Until 1981, the impact of this trend on the current account position was offset by a rising surplus on invisibles, particularly on investment income. The favourable balance on investment income almost tripled from \$12.8 billion in 1975 to \$33 billion in 1981.



The deterioration in the US balance of payment
All figs in \$b

	Merchandise trade balance	Invisibles balance	of which Investment income	Current account
1975	9.0	9.3	12.8	18.3
1976	−9.3	13.6	16.9	4.4
1977	−30.9	16.8	18.0	−14.1
1978	−33.8	19.0	20.6	−14.8
1979	−27.3	26.8	31.2	−0.5
1980	−25.3	26.8	29.9	1.5
1981	−28.1	32.7	33.5	4.6
1982	−36.4	25.2	27.3	−11.2
1983	−60.6	19.8	23.6	−40.8

Source: US Department of Commerce

The strength of this item reflected the profitability of overseas investment made by American multinationals and banks in the 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s. It relied on America's status as a substantial net creditor on other countries.

Since 1981, this comfortable position has been undermined. In 1982, the US had a current account deficit of \$11.2 billion and in 1983 of \$40.8 billion. The OECD, in its latest Economic Outlook, has forecast \$86.25 billion in 1984 and \$105 billion in 1985. What these numbers mean is that foreigners are now accumulating more claims on the US than the US is accumulating on them. There has been a reversal of roles compared to the first 30 years after the war.

In consequence, the US is about to be transformed into a net debtor-nation. Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, gave a warning to this effect in evidence to a House of Representatives' subcommittee on April 10. In his words, the surplus on investment income "may be dwindling away in the future as a result of our heavy borrowing abroad".

As the surplus on investment income is virtually certain to disappear in the next two or three years, the trade dificit will increasingly approximate to the current account deficit. The optimists must hope that a better balance exports and imports can ve restored. Unfortunately, the trade deficit has risen steadily from one month to another since last December. In January, it was \$9.5 billion, in February \$10.1 billion, in March \$10.3 billion and in April, \$12.2 billion.

There is no reason to expect it – or the figures for subsequent months – to show any improvement. The widening of the trade gap has caused by two main influences, the dollar's overvaluation and more rapid expansion of demand in the US than in other economies. Both these influences persist.

According to the 1984 Economic Report of the President, each 1 per cent real appreciation of the dollar adds about \$2 billion to the deficit after two years. The report suggests that about \$54 billion of the 1984 deficit can be explained by the appreciation completed by late 1982. Since late 1982 the dollar's real exchange rate has risen again by about 15 per cent. The eventual outcome should be a further rise in the trade deficit, perhaps by \$30 billion above present levels in 1985 and 1986.

If this view is right, the US could well have a current account deficit of the \$150 billion order by 1986. A figurebetween \$100 billion is almost inevitable.

The egnigma is why foreigners are still willing to channel their money towards the US. The finance ministers of Argentina and Italy must be drooling with envy at the Reagan Administration's ability to reconcile mammoth budget and payment deficits with currency appreciation and low inflation.

The explanation for the continuation of the capital inflows is that they have radically changed character since 1982. In that year, foreigners piled up \$87.7 billion of US private-sector assets and Americans \$107.3 billion of foreign private-sector assets. American bank lending abroad at £109.3 billion, more than accounted for all America's acquisition of foreign assets, while foreign bank lending to the US was \$64.3 billion.

In the six months to March, foreigners accummulated US private-sector assets and lent money to Americans via the banking system at roughly the same rate as in 1982. But Americans have acquired fewer foreign assets and virtually stopped being lenders via the baking system. In the first quarter, US bank lending abroard was a meagre \$300m.

While foreigners are willing to increase their dollar holdings year by year, the astonishing imbalance in the external accounts is not a big threat to the happy internal condition of the American Economy. But sooner or later the overseas payments position will have to be put on a sounder footing. The correction must involve substantial dollar depreciation and higher inflation. When that happens it may seem more a tragedy than either a scandal or a comedy

The author is economics partner at stockbroker L. Messel & Co.

Minet profit down 4% for quarter

The insurance broker Minet Holdings announced quarterly pretax profits to the end of March 1984 down 4 per cent at £3.38m on turnover 16.2 per cent ahead.

Minet stressed that, owing to the nature of the company's business, income does not accrue evenly throughout the year and results for a single quarter should not be taken as a guide for the full year.

Shares fell 12p to 150p before recovering to 154p. Other moves in the insurance would were announced by Sedgwick Group. Its insurance and reinsurance broking businesses will be split into two newly-formed companies, each of which will operate with a substantial degree of autonomy.

In brief

● **PARKDALE HOLDINGS:** Year to April 30. Turnover £1.13m (£876,000). Pretax profit £273,000 (£155,000). Dividend 0.9p (0.64p, adjusted).

● **HALMA:** Year to March 31. Turnover £20.98m (£17.08). Pretax profit £3.05m (£1.98m). Total dividend raised from an adjusted 1.31p to 1.57p. Halma's cash-flow during the year was again strong, the board reports.

● **HARGREAVES GROUP:** Year to March 31. Tunover £194.67 (£197.61m). Pretax profit £3.52m (£4.84m). Total dividend 4p (same). The board reports that the fall in pretax profit should not be interpreted as a general downturn. Following the successful cleaning up at the vehicle distribution business, all parts of the group, with the exception of those heavily dependent on the British coal industry, are trading profitably.

● **PATERSON JENKS:** McCormick International Investment's recommended cash offer for Paterson Jenks have been accepted for 97 per cent of the ordinary and 98 per cent of the preference shares.

● **COLEMAN MILNE:** Midepsa's offer for Coleman Milne has been accepted for 83.8 per cent of the ordinary shares. Offer extended to July 9.

MATTHEW BROWN: The acquisition of T. and R. Theakston has been completed. Price of £3.07m was satisfied by ordinary shares and £1.47m in cash. At April 1, 1983, Theakston's net tangible assets were about £2.35m.

● **CEMENT-ROADSTONE HOLDINGS** – Ireland's biggest industrial company with expanding interests overseas – has acquired a 44-acre site at Gravesend, Kent, through its Northern Ireland subsidiary.

● **GRANADA GROUP:** The proposed merger between Granada and the television and rentals business of Rediffusion is not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Authorized Unit Trusts

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TEMPUS

Argyll beats forecast but not the sceptics

Argyll Group's full-year pretax profits at £40.1m, were comfortably ahead of the forecast made last September at the merger with Amalgamated Distilled Products. So too was the 3.25p final dividend. But the results were still not good enough to please the City, which seems to be as suspicious as ever about Mr James Gulliver's ambitions and which has been making some airy predictions. The shares closed 5p lower at 155p.

Improved margins in food retailing – they rose from 2 per cent to 2.5 per cent last year – provided the main source of growth and there was a first full-year contribution from Barton Brands in the United States. With further benefit still to be derived from the productivity and merchandising changes the group set in train at its merger with Allied Suppliers two years ago, the profit margin on the food side could hit more than 3 per cent this year, boosting group pretax profits to a little less than £50m.

Longer term, however, there are still some doubts over the quality of the group's stores. Presto, which this year at least, will find it impossible to match the group's target of 20 new stores a year unless an unexpected parcel of outlets comes on the market, has yet to prove its mettle, though the newer stores are said to be achieving Sainsbury-like returns on sales of 4 per cent plus.

Morever, though tax charge will remain in the region of 22 to 23 per cent for the next two years, afterwards it will soar to a Tesco-like 35 per cent, making it exceptionally difficult to squeeze earnings growth out of anything that might materialize above the line.

There is plainly no contemplation of the grand scale acquisition that some had predicted at this stage in the group's development, though Mr Gulliver does want to buy a regional supermarket chain in the United States and add to drink distribution interests there with some brand purchases.

Even so, market sentiment for some reason still seems to be against Argyll, and it may have an uphill struggle convincing the City that its shares should be afforded the same rating as Tesco or Dee Corporation.

RFD

RFD's profits downturn was well signalled and in the event looks fairly artificial. Accelerated final quarter shipments last year boosted 1982/83 profits, and the analysts' natural reaction is to trim last year's figures and adjust 1983/4 figures *pro rata*. This gives virtually unchaged profits for both years at around £2.1m.

Heavy research and development expenditurre, a feature of RFD's operating strategy which is charged conservatively against divisional profits each year, also depressed group profits. But this year's pay off on such disbursements, in the shape of a £500,000 boost to the textile division's profits, suggests that the money had been well spent. Workers spend what they get, and businesses get what they spend, if they are lucky, so they say.

But RFD now sound lucky. Market estimates for 1984/85 profits point to a further improvement, perhaps to £2.5m or more. At 96p, that values the group on about 8 times target earnings.

More significantly, the group has pushed up the dividend by 10 per cent. After the retrenchment of recent years – tight working capital controls, cash conservation, high payout cover – this implies an endorsement of current yields on RFD paper, which occasional fluctuations in profits will not jeopardize.

Crest Nicholson

A 500 per cent increase in pretax profits is not normally something to be sneered at. Crest Nicholson managed, however, to prompt just that reaction from the stock market when it unveiled its interim figures yesterday. Pretax profits soared from £202,000 to just over £1m but the share price still dipped 3p to 85p.

The main reason for this adverse reaction is that there is just a hint of abnormality in the results. Last year's pretax figure was exceptionally low and the good performance this time has been achieved because of an unexpected increase in the number of contract completions in the building divisions.

The stock market may have yelled "freak" but the underlying performance by Crest is still encouraging. It operates in very seasonal markets with the bulk of profits being earned in the second half and the indications are that the full year will confirm that steady progress is being made.

Both housebuilding and commercial construction are well placed to achieve targets. Housing has been particularly pleasing since the company has judged the market well by concentrating on mid-range properties rather than those for the first-time buyer.

A question mark still hangs over the prospects of the sports surfaces business which last year contributed £1m at the pretax level. Cutbacks in public expenditure, have hampered progress and it could be in for a disappointing year.

Total pretax profits for the year of around £8m are still achievable and the prospective multiple of 7 is not too demanding.

Bonds

The US Treasury is in the middle of yet another mini-refunding exercise, and a note from Salomon Brothers clarifies the overall context of funding quite neatly.

During the July-September quarter, the US Treasury faces borrowing needs of possibly $44 billion, (£326 billion), a slight stabilization, indeed improvement, over the trend. Between 1981 and 1982, the borrowing requirement for the same quarter soared from $23 billion to more than $60 billion. Last year, it fell to $45.2 billion. This year, it is down by a further $1 billion.

Most of the borrowing needs will be met in what Salomon describes as the coupon sector. Hence, the current package will net roughly $12 billion of new cash in July. Watch out, then, for a further refunding package around August to raise a further $24 billion of new cash.

But note the scale of debt onw being turned over on maturity. During the quarter, the US Treasury must issue $90 billion gross of debt in order to raise $44 billion of new money. The problem is likely to worsen, since the US Treasury gears its funding programme towards the short end of the market, where the debt matures correspondingly more quickly.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Bank statement fails to calm rate fears

By Wayne Lintott

The Bank of England set a precedent yesterday by formally announcing that "there is no need on monetary policy grounds for any general increase in the level of domestic interest rates."

The statement did little to reassure a nervous stock market increasingly fearing that Britain may be forced into higher interest rates, despite the downgrading of domestic inflation expectations, and that action would cause a further sharp slump in prices.

Mr Mike Whitaker, partner at the broker Simon & Coates, is offering odds of 1000-to-1 against Oceonics making the much talked about takeover bid for Polytichnic Marine, the satellite navigation receiver maker. As broker to both companies, Mr Whitaker feels uniquely situated to make such a book. Polytechnic yesterday held the 25p jump to 280p a share that resulted from the bid speculation.

The Bank's statement followed National Westminster Bank's decision to follow the other three clearers in raising base rates to 9.25 per cent.

The pressure on British interest rates stems from the dollar's increasing strength. The pound hovered around its low against the dollar of 1.35 but it was strengthening against other major currencies.

Mr Gordon Pepper, senior partner and economist at W. Greenwell, supported the Bank's statement. He said: "There is no reason for British rates to move upwards and it is not sterling's weakness but the strength of the dollar causing the problems."

In quiet trading leading industrials were marked down, more from caution than actual sales. Nevertheless, the *FT* 30-share index fell 9.3 by the close to 803.4.

The main feature of the day came after hours when **British Aerospace** surged 28p to 373p on talk that **GEC** had agreed a takeover price of 400p to 450p.

At British Aerospace spokesman insisted: "There is no change in the situation with regard to GEC's initial approach."

GEC said it could offer no reason for the share price movement. Thorn-EMI, which first approached British Aerospace, was equally noncommittal but it has still to withdraw formally although the initial talks have broken down.

Oil shares came in for some heavy sales with **BP** and **Britoil** falling 11p to 456p and 211p respectively. That news caused some concern over the possibility of success in the Enterprise Oil issue. The offer of 212 million shares at a minimum tender price of 185p have already been priced well below most market expectations.

But the brokers to the issue, which closes tomorrow, were still making optimistic noises.

The corporate boys at the broker Laing and Cruickshank came in for criticism over first-time dealings of its new issue, **Applied Holographics**. The 1.25 million new shares began dealings at 182p then were quickly moved up to 220p and at that price some large selling orders caused jobbers to knock the price back to 190p.

The unfortunate aspect of the drop was that the price cut was attributed by jobbers to Laing, which, they claimed, was a large net seller at the higher price. Partners at Laing admitted that on balance they were sellers but that did not reflect their view of the company, merely the sheer volume of trade. More than a million shares were said to have changed hands yesterday.

Initial's shares put on 12p to close the day at 497p after **British Electric Traction** increased its offer for the 60 per cent stake in the laundry and cleaning group which it does not own.

The improved bid values Initial shares at 544p on yesterday's prices against the 520p of the original offer, made last month and rejected by the board. The new offer has the directors' blessing which will assist in avoiding a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The real reasons behind the Ziff family's rejection of Harris Queensway's 325p-a-share takeover bid for their Style Shoe Co. emerged yesterday when the company confirmed that independent valuations of its property assets were 572p a share. Style shares traded at 195p yesterday, up 2p, and jobbers now have a realistic basis on which to value the company.

The new terms are 9 BET deferred ordinary shares plus £33 cash for every 10 Initial shares. Shareholders can opt for a change in the mix of the consideration and choose loan notes bearing 10.5 per cent interest instead of the cash element. BET closed down 3p at 238p.

WALL STREET

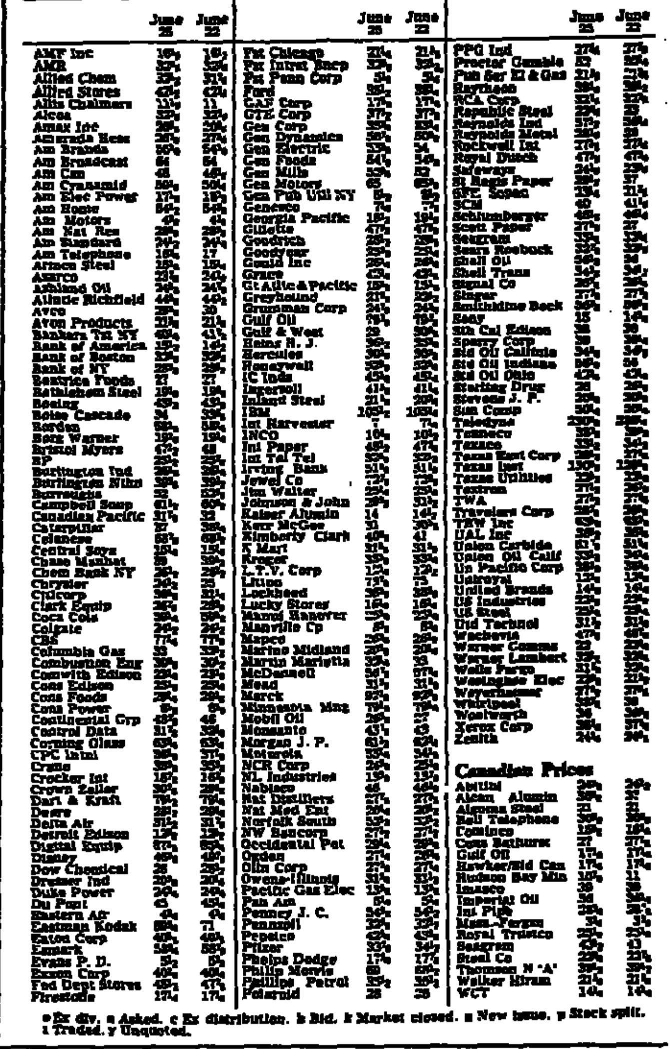
New York – Share prices opened lower yesterday in active trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which shed 0.55 on Monday, was down 3.53 to 1,126.98 shortly after the market opened.

Declines led advances 487-285 among the 1,222 issues crossing the tape.

Early turnover amounted to about 5.5 million shares.

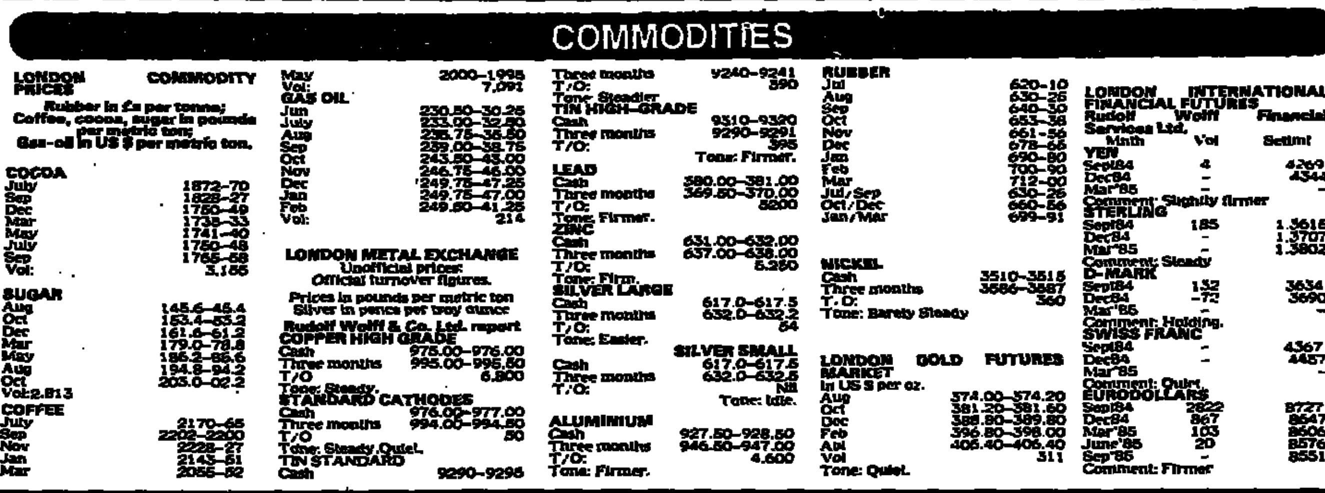
Some investors were encouraged that yields on the US treasury's three and six-month bills were mixed to slightly lower on Monday



	June 25	June 22		June 25	June 22		June 25	June 22
AMF Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	PPG Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Intrst Bncp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Proctor Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	11	GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]	GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Electric	[illegible]	54	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	64	64	Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Can	48	[illegible]	Gen Mills	[illegible]	52	Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Motors	65	[illegible]	St Regis Paper	[illegible]	37
Am Elec Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]	SFE Sopac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Home	[illegible]	[illegible]	Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]	SCM	40	[illegible]

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COMMODITIES



LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

COCOA	
July	1872-70
Sep	1828-27
Dec	1750-49
Mar	1738-33
May	1741-40
July	1750-48
Sep	1765-58
Vol:	3,186

SUGAR	
Aug	145.6-45.4
Oct	153.4-55.2
Dec	161.6-61.2
Mar	179.0-78.8
May	186.2-85.6
Aug	194.8-94.2
Oct	205.0-02.2
Vol: 2,813	

COFFEE	
July	2170-65
Sep	2202-2200
Nov	2228-27
Jan	2145-51
Mar	2055-52
May	2000-1995
Vol:	7,091

GAS OIL	
Jun	230.50-30.25
July	233.00-32.50
Aug	235.75-35.50
Sep	239.00-38.75
Oct	243.50-43.00
Nov	246.75-46.00
Dec	[illegible]
Jan	[illegible]
Feb	[illegible]
Vol:	[illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices. Official turnover figures. Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce. Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE: Cash [illegible]; Three months [illegible]; T/O [illegible]; Tone: Steady.
STANDARD CATHODES: Cash [illegible]; Three months [illegible]; T/O [illegible]; Tone: Steady Quiet.
TIN STANDARD: Cash [illegible]; Three months [illegible]; T/O; Tone: Steadier.
TIN HIGH-GRADE: Cash [illegible]; Three months [illegible]; T/O; Tone: Firmer.
LEAD: Cash [illegible]; Three months [illegible]; T/O; Tone: Firmer.
ZINC, SILVER LARGE, SILVER SMALL, ALUMINIUM, NICKEL: [illegible]

RUBBER; LONDON GOLD FUTURES; LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES; Canadian Prices: [illegible]

MONEY MARKETS

The markets had another quiet day yesterday. Activity was again concentrated upon day-to-day money and the very short dates.

Interbank opened on 7 7/8 per cent to 7/8 per cent and eased to 7 1/2 per cent to 7 per cent by midday. The afternoon brought firmer conditions.

A rise to 8 1/2 per cent to 8 per cent at lunchtime was followed by 10 per cent to 9 per cent for much of the afternoon. The peak was 11 per cent to 10 1/2 per cent shortly before the close, followed by a final 10 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Some profit-taking was seen in the dollar during the mid-session, but overall the volume of trading remained moderate.

Most activity centred upon the Deutschemark where arbitration proposals raised hopes of an end the West German strike.

Against sterling, the Deutschemark scored a useful rise at 3.7700 (3.7880), but the pound was looking much steadier against the dollar after the previous day's record 'lows'.

At the finish, sterling showed a 35 point rise at 1.3525, although its trade weighted index slipped 79.0 for 79.2 overnight.

News of a 0.25 per cent rise in NatWest base rates to 9.25 per cent, bringing them in line with other clearers, and the view from the Bank of England that it sees no need for a rise in British interest rates, failed to have any impact on sterling.

The dollar, which met profit-taking after its recent strong gains slipped to 2.7865 in Deutshemark terms from 2.8050 overnight. Swiss francs were dearer at 2.3250 (2.3375).

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9-9 1/4%

Discount Mkt Loans%: Overnight: High 9, Low 7

Week Fixed: 8-7 1/2

Treasury Bills (Dis%); Prime Bank Bills (Dis%); Trades (Dis%); Local Authority Bonds; Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%); Local Authority Market (%); Interbank Market (%); First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%); Finance House Base Rate: [illegible]

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	June 26 (day's range)	June 26 (close)	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.3510-1.3550	$1.3530-1.3540	0.36-0.38c disc	0.92-0.95c disc
Montreal	$1.7735-1.7770	$1.7745-1.7765	0.43-0.49c disc	1.17-1.23c disc
Amsterdam	4.2475-4.2675fl	4.25-4.26fl	[illegible]c prem	[illegible]c prem
Brussels	76.76-77.08f	76.80-76.90f	12-18c disc	35-42c disc
Copenhagen	13.8050-13.8600k	13.81-13.82k	[illegible]ore disc	[illegible]ore disc
Frankfurt	3.7615-3.7900m	3.77-3.78m	[illegible]pf prem	[illegible]pf prem
Lisbon	194.85-196.13e	195.20-195.70e	50-190c disc	30-410c disc
Madrid	213.10-213.55p	213.15-213.35p	95-125pst disc	305-350pst disc
Milan	2318.25-2328.25lr	2318.25-2320.25lr	10-13lr disc	32-35lr disc
Oslo	10.7150-10.8025k	10.7925-10.8025k	[illegible]ore disc	[illegible]ore disc
Paris	11.5650-11.6150f	11.5650-11.5750f	[illegible]c disc	[illegible]c disc
Stockholm	11.0750-11.1050k	11.08-11.09k	[illegible]ore disc	[illegible]ore disc
Tokyo	320.30-321.50y	320.50-321.00y	[illegible]y prem	[illegible]y prem
Vienna	26.48-26.58sch	26.52-26.57sch	[illegible]gro prem	[illegible]gro prem
Zurich	3.1380-3.1625f	3.1425-3.1525f	[illegible]c prem	[illegible]c prem
Dublin	1.2323-1.2381p	1.2330-1.2340p	28-35p disc	74-89p disc

Effective exchange rate compared with 1975 was down 0.2 at 79.0.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0970-1.0980
Singapore	2.1230-2.1245
Malaysia	2.3160-2.3175
Australia	0.8610-0.8615
Canada	1.3118-1.3133
Sweden	8.2000-8.2100
Norway	7.9800-7.9900
Denmark	10.2150-10.2250
West Germany	2.7850-2.7860
Switzerland	2.3245-2.3255
Netherlands	3.1380-3.1390
France	8.5440-8.5490
Japan	237.00-237.10
Italy	1714-1716
Belgium (Comm)	56.68-56.73
Hong Kong	7.8130-7.8150
Portugal	143.50-144.50
Spain	157.75-157.85
Austria	19.58-19.59

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.5781-1.5803
Bahrain	0.5075-0.5115
Finland	7.9775-8.0175
Greece	148.25-150.25
Hongkong	10.5670-10.5677
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4025-0.4065
Malaysia	3.1323-3.1368
Mexico	250-275
New Zealand	2.1383-2.1434
Saudi Arabia	4.7285-4.7665
Singapore	2.8713-2.8756
South Africa	1.8142-1.8180

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 11 1/4-10 3/4; seven days, 12 7/16-12 5/16; one month, 12 1/2-12 3/8; three months, 12 7/8-12; six months, 12 7/8-12 3/4.

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1983/84 High	Low	Co	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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RECENT ISSUES	Closing Price
Brikat Group 5p Ord (140a)	153-2
Ennex Int Ir 10p Ord (41a)	29-2
First Leisure Corp £1 Ord (180)	165
Fledgeling Japan Inv $0.01 (55)	30
Gee/Rosen Org 5p Ord (33a)	34-2
Global Group 10p Ord (67a)	72-2
Holden Hydroman 10p Ord (78a)	120-2
Hunter Saphir 25p Ord (120a)	148-2
London & Clydeside Hds 25p Ord (108a)	100-3
Morris W. Fine Arts 10p Ord (10a)	15 1/2+1
Northamber 5p Ord (115a)	145+2
Pantherella 25p Ord (80pa)	95
Petrogen Petroleum Com NPV (80a)	68
Petrolex 5p Ord (68a)	71
Piccadilly Radio 5p Ord NV (28a)	25-2
Plantation & Gen Inv 25p Ord	235
Ramco Oil Services 10p Ord (70a)	99-1
Reuters Holdings B Ord LV (196*)	227-1
Spectra Auto & Eng Prod 10p Ord (65a)	64-1
Spectrum Grp 5p Ord (130a)	135
Stat-Plus 5p Ord (110a)	114
Steel Burrill Jones 10p Ord (110a)	168-2
Sutherland ET 25p Ord (95a)	101
Trencherwood 10p Ord (145a)	146-6
Tuskar Resources Ir 5p Ord (Ir 43a)	33

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

● COOKSON GROUP, the melting and non-ferrous fabricating company, is asking shareholders for £27.3m and spending £15m to take full control of Stern Metals, a US company. Cookson says profits so far this year are substantially ahead of 1983 and it has forecast a divident of at least 10.2p on the increased share capital.

TENNIS: A DAY OF CONTRAST AT WIMBLEDON

Frailty not name of women's game





More power to their elbows: Mis Lloyd, Miss Garrison and Miss Turnbull turn it on at Wimbledon (Photographs: Ian Stewart and Norman Lomax).

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Martina Navratilova and Chris Lloyd, who are seeded to play the final, never looked like conceding a set in their first round matches at Wimbledon yesterday. This contrasted with the fleeting frailty of John McEnroe and the more enduring frailty of Ivan Lendl a day earlier. But the women, of course, always tend to be more insistent on protocol.

For Virginia Wade, aged 38, any win at this level of competition has to be regarded as a good one. Yesterday she spent an hour and 43 minutes in the company of Ann Henricksson of Minnesota, and beat her 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Miss Henricksson is 5ft 5ins tall and firmly packed. There was about 10st 5lb of her when she went on court but presumably she was close to the light-welter-weight limit when Miss Wade had done with her.

Afterwards Miss Wade hinted that she may have had enough of the time-consuming chore of preparing for first-class singles play and the stress of actually competing. These days, she said, she had other things to do, anyway. Miss Wade was happy enough with her game, except that it no longer had a sharp edge to it. Was the labour of honing that edge still worthwhile?

This is Miss Wade's twenty-third challenge for the singles championship, which she won in 1977. Most of this year's seeds had not even been born when Miss Wade was beaten in the second round by Judy Tegart, now Mrs Dalton, back in 1962. Mrs Dalton is playing mixed doubles this year. In 1985 Miss Wade may also be channelling her competitive nature and her affection for Wimbledon into the doubles event. Who can blame her? She has given us far more than we had a right to expect.

Sherwood Stewart, who is also 38, was beaten 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 by the fourth seed, Mats Wilander. Stewart has been making a small fortune in doubles but until yesterday had not played singles at Wimbledon since 1981. He had to qualify.

Stewart is a large man with a receding hairline and a light beard, which means that his contemplative mien is totally framed in an oval of hair.

The tennis Stewart played was good enough to disconcert Wilander, who damaged the wrist of his racket arm in a fall a fortnight ago and is still inhibited (so he says) about turning on full power. Not that there was much evidence of this. Some of Wilander's passing shots might have come out of a gun.

There was a good deal of grass-crushing pounding from big men with big feet. The alarm bells were doubtless ringing in that unseen underworld populated by creatures that burrow and crawl in the daily chore of survival. Upstairs, as it were, the sun was shining, seeded players were in action on 11 of the 18 courts, and there was still room enough to wander about in a world of leg-work and handshakes and scattered dramas.

Tim Mayotte, who remains on course for the last eight (for the fourth consecutive year), raised and interesting point during one of those press conferences at which players bare their souls – and sometimes their teeth, too. The courts were drier than usual, he said, and could soon "tear up."

Let the ground staff worry about that. The rest of know very well that England is a dry country at present. The potatoes are not coming along all that well, are they? But as far as Wimbledon is concerned the ground-stroke specialists should have more of a chance than usual. That means better tennis. To hell with the potatoes.

Already Wimbledon is on the boil. Vitas Gerulaitis, a restless man who craves and creates excitement, beat Tony Giammalva in a match that kept the Centre Court crowd more than usually interested for three hours and 13 minutes.

And take Jimmy Arias, who was seeded fifth in spite of the fact that his appreciation of grass court tennis had (until yesterday) been restricted to television and hearsay. For the past fortnight Arias has been working on grass, trying to find some equation between the tennis he knows – clay – hard courts or indoor carpets – and this strange growth on which cows and sheep graze. Arias was nervous but lucky. His opponent Bernie Mitton, had a bad shoulder.

Miss Goles withers in her brief hour

By Geoffrey Green

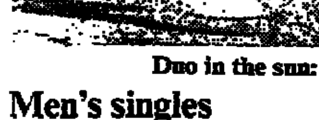
Without wishing to be ungracious about the old-time traditional Ladies' Day, I must at least be honest. What a bore it is to comment on something rather boring. A win by Mrs Lloyd over Miss Goles, of Yugoslavia, by 6–1, 6–1 in a shade under an hour of sunshine tells most of the story. Miss Goles won only nine points in the first set and held service only twice in the match. It would need an Oscar Wilde to gild such a lily.

For too long defeat settled on the Slav like a green mould, but slowly she found her feet on a beautifully laundered No 1 court as she faced Wimbledon for the first time against an American champion who has won the title three times and reached five other finals.

Miss Goles began in hope and ended in reverence. The loser patently was a thinker – but a thinker in clichés. She used the odd drop-shot and kept Mrs Lloyd moving from corner to corner, all of which the American read. But Miss Goles's second service tended to sit up and beg which proved a gift to Mrs Lloyd's economical power off the ground. To the Slav, the net too often proved an obstacle, rather than a challenge.

To be fair, not all was bleak winter for Miss Goles. She forced deuce on each of the last five games, winning an intelligent rally of dropshots which roused the soporific gallery as she came to 1–4 near the end. The sap began to rise then but the flower eventually withered sadly. It all proved rather cosmetic.



Duo in the sun: Gerulaitis and Giamalva in a three-hour match.

Lapse by umpire has Centre Court puzzled

John Parry, the umpire, had the Centre Court confused yesterday when he inexplicably forgot to ask Vitas Gerulaitis and Tony Giammalva to change ends.

Gerulaitis, the 15 seed, trailed by one set but was 4-1 ahead in the second when, for some reason, the players carried on without taking the usual breather at the net or changing ends.

Parry did not point out the error and the American pair carried on for the third game at the same end in an amazing lapse of Wimbledon's normal efficiency.

With Gerulaitis leading 5-1 they wanted to change ends only for an embarrassed Mr Parry to ask them to return to the ends they had just left to complete a run of four games there.

Gerulaitis could hardly believe what was happening and said to the umpire: "You have only got one job to do up there. We are concentrating on the match, it would be nice if you could help us out."

However, the confusion did not prevent Gerulaitis clinching the next game and set 6-1, to level the match at 1-1.

Alan Mills, the Wimbledon referee, said he could not recall the slip up occuring before. He will ask the Derbyshire official, who ha been umpiring at Wimbledon for some time, for an explanation.

"What I find almost incredible is that the two players of their experience did not change ends automatically," he said. "It is obviously purely coincidental that all three forget at the same time."

Borg keeps his hand in

● Bjorn Borg, who won five Wimbledon titles in a row from 1976, will play his first grand prix tournament of the year in the Mercedes Benz Cup, from July 14-22.

Borg insists that this is not the prelude to a full-scale comeback to the circuit he dominated for so long, he just likes to have a little competitive tennis now and again.

But the Swede will not abe out of practice: he has been playing exhibitions all over the world, including such places as South America and New Zealand.

● Trey Waltke the American who caught the imagination of Wimbledon last year by playing in long, white flannels, a white button-down, long sleeved shirt and with a necktie as a belt will not be there this year Waltke who last year beat Stan Smith, the former Wimbledon champion, before losing to Ivan Lendl in the second round, has been forced to retire because of a knee injury.

Men's singles

Holder: J P McEnroe (US)

First round

T S MAYOTTE (US) bt M Hocevar (Br), 7-5, 7-6, 6-1
P Annacone (US) bt J R Smith (GB), 7-6, 6-3, 6-4.
R Gehring (WG) bt P Slozil (Cz), 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2.
G Ocleppo (It) bt V Winitsky (US), 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.
L Shiras (US) bt M Schapers (Neth), 6-2, 6-7, 7-6, 7-6.
M Leach (US) bt P Arraya (Peru), 7-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.
K Flach (US) bt R Van't Hof (US), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-3
M Dickson (US) bt C Kirmayr (Br), 4-6, 7-6, 3-6 6-2, 6-3.
B Taroczy (Hun) bt R A Lewis (GB), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6
G Forget (Fr) bt H P Gunthardt (Switz), 6-2, 6-0, 6-3
M WILANDER (Swe) bt S E Stewart (US), 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5
T Moor (US) bt V Van Patten (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
B Gilbert (US) bt P Fleming (US), 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
M N Doyle (Ire) bt A A Mayer (US), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7, 7-5.
C van Rensburg (SA) bt M Ostoja (Yug), 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.
E Edwards (SA) bt C Hooper (US), 7-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.
G Michibata (Can) bt B Teacher (US), 7-6, 2-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
T Smid (Cz) bt L Stefanki (US), 6-4, 6-7, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2.
M R Edmondson (Aus) bt M Purcell (US), 6-4, 6-3, 6-4
V GERULAITIS (US) bt A Giammalva (US), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.
J ARIAS (US) bt B M Mitton (SA), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
J C KRIEK (US) bt M Westphal (WG), 6-3, 6-0, 2-6, 6-7, 6-2.
P Cash (Aus) bt R Seguso (US), 7-6, 6-4, 6-4.
W SCANLON (US) bt E Korita (US), 7-6, 6-7, 6-2, 3-6, 13-11.

● *The following results were received too late to be included in yesterday's early editions.*

S Meister (US) bt H D Beutel (WG), 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, 7-5.
S M Shaw (GB) bt C Panatta (It), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
J S CONNORS (US) bt L R Bourne (US), 7-5, 7-5, 6-4.
S Perkins (Isr) bt M Freeman (US), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.
K CURREN (SA) bt S Denton (US), 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.
T E Gullikson (US) bt R J Simpson (NZ), 7-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3.
D T Visser (SA) bt J Gurfein (US), 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.
J Sadri (US) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3.
S M Bale (GB) bt J G Alexander (Aus), 7-6, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.
A GOMEZ (Ec) bt M Mitchell (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-1, 7-6.
F Gonzalez (Par) bt B E Gottfried (US), 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2.

Women's singles

Holder: M Navratilova (US)

First round

Z L GARRSION (US) bt R L Einy (GB), 6-0, 6-0.
B Nagelson (US) bt R Casals (US), 6-3, 6-1.
W M TURNBULL (Aust) bt S A Walpole (GB), 6-3, 6-2.
H SUKOVA (Cz) bt R Reggi (It), 6-3, 6-4.
K JORDAN (US) bt H A Ludloff (US), 6-1, 6-1.
V Ruzici (Rom) bt R D Fairbank (SA), 6-1, 6-4.
C Lindqvist (Swe) bt L E Allen (US), 6-3, 7-5.
S V Wade (GB) bt A B Henricksson (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
P A Teeguarden (US) bt K Kinney (US), 7-6, 7-6.
A E Hobbs (US) bt S T Mair (GB), 6-4, 7-6.
M NAVRATILOVA (US) bt M Louie (US), 6-4, 6-0.
S Cherneva (USSR) bt L Romanov (Rom), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
A L Minter (GB) bt N S Yeargin (US), 6-1, 6-4.
I Budarova (Cz) bt M A Mesker (Neth), 7-6, 6-2.
C Tanvier (Fr) bt S E Reeves (GB), 6-7, 6-4, 8-6.
A Hayashi (US) bt S L Gomer (GB), 6-2, 7-6.
J M LLOYD (US) bt S Goles (Yug), 6-1, 6-1.
A J Brown (GB) bt V L Nelson (US), 6-4, 6-1.
A M Cecchini (It) bt K B Cummings (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.
B Gerken (US) bt C Vanier (Fr), 6-1, 6-2.
H MANDLIKOVA (Cz) bt E Eliseenko (USSR), 6-1, 6-0.
L BONDER (US) bt J Louis (GB), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.
P Casale (US) bt P Huber (Aus), 6-1, 6-4.
B C POTTER (US) bt C Suire (Fr), 7-5, 6-3.
C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt B C Bramblett (US), 6-1, 6-4.
B Bunge (Mon) bt H Pelletier (Can), 6-1, 6-2.
A TEMESVARI (Hun) bt J S Golder (US), 6-4, 6-1.
F Raschiatore (US) bt C Jexell (Swe), 6-4, 5-4.
E K HORVATH (US) bt G Purdy (US), 6-4, 6-8.
B A Mould (SA) bt K J Brasher (GB), 6-3, 6-4.
J A Salmon (GB) bt L Arraya (Arg), 6-4, 6-3.
A A Moulton (US) bt T Scheuer-Larsen (Den), 6-4, 6-1.
J DURIE (GB) bt L A Shaefer (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-0.
S Barker (GB) bt R Mentz (SA), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

● *The following results were received too late to be included in yesterday's early editions.*

M MALEEVA (Bul) bt J A Mundel (SA), 6-4, 6-1.
N Reva (USSR) bt P Paradis (Fr), 6-3, 7-6.
M Y Torres (US) bt P S Medrado (Br), 6-2, 6-7, 10-8.
M L Piatek (US) bt S Hanika (WG), 6-2, 2-6, 10-8.
J L Klitch (US) bt B L Collins (US), 6-3, 6-2.
C Benjamin (US) bt A C Leand (US), 6-3, 6-4.

● *Capitals denote seeded players.*

CRICKET: GLOUCESTERSHIRE HANG ON FOR A DRAW

The Magic Dragon nearly runs out of puff

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire (5 pts) drew with Hampshire (5).

It was a pleasant occasion, three fine days, many old friends. There, bonny as ever, was the cheerful commander of the bar in the Hammond Room. She had needed a handkerchief at one point, and I lent her a clean one ("I always carry a spare", in Lord Peter Wimsey's words) and she returned it to me washed and anointed with her perfume. I was getting some vicious glances from sniffy neighbours all day. Grahame Parker, looking very fit, was there. He was once known as Puff the Magic Dragon, from his heavy breathing on the public address system; but it was better than the present Gloucestershire system, which has settled for inaudibility. The purpurous Basil was there, though he has spoiled the shining beacon of his bald patch by wearing a peculiar yellow cap, which he picked up, he thinks, in Shanklin, or possibly Antibes.

Only the cricket had been dull, though it livened a little on the third day. At the beginning Hampshire, one second innings wicket down, were 100 on. The pitch was still slow, and that they lost wickets was due more to a creditable impetuosity than any natural problems.

They had reached 165 for five at lunch, after 58 overs, and declared at 214, setting Gloucestershire to score 266 in three and a quarter hours: say about four and a half to the over, so far as one can judge from these complicated rules.

The pitch was turning, but still slowly. It was, in the circumstances, a generous declaration. Gloucestershire had a go. Romaines was caught at slip at 37. At tea, 72 for one in 24, they were still in with a chance. Stovold was leg-before at 113. Zaheer was caught at square leg, Shepherd at deep mid-off. Athey was run out after a silly muddle: 175 for 6, eleven overs to go. Russell was out, leg-before, at 203 in the 14th. It was now just a question of whether Gloucestershire could save the match. This they manfully did, though not without a few alarmed squeaks from behind the Hammond Room bar, and a few puffs from the Magic Dragon.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 351 for 4 dec (V P Terry 175 not out, C L Smith 78)

Second Innings

V P Terry c Romaines b Graveney	73
C L Smith c Russell b Graveney	21
M C J Nicholas b Graveney	18
T E Jesty c Shepherd b Graveney	12
*N E J Pocock run out	35
E L Reifer c Zaheer b Graveney	17
N G Cowley b Childs	11
T M Tremlett not out	11
†R J Parks not out	14
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 1)	2
Total (7 wkts dec)	214

R J Maru and C A Connor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–36, 2–70, 3–94, 4–137, 5–165, 6–189, 7–189.

BOWLING: Lawrence 7-4-11-0; Shepherd 5-1-12-0; Childs 26-5-80-1; Graveney 28-6-83-5; Sainsbury 4-0-26-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 300 for 5 dec (P W Romaines 63, P Bainbridge 58 not out).

Second Innings

A W Stovold l-b-w b Tremlett	67
P W Romaines c Terry b Maru	14
C W J Athey run out	51
Zaheer Abbas c Jesty b Tremlett	14
P Bainbridge c Reifer b Maru	1
J N Shepherd c Jesty b Maru	18
†D A Graveney not out	24
*R C Russell l-b-w b Maru	12
J H Childs b Connor	1
D V Lawrence not out	4
Extras (b 3, w 2, n-b 4)	9
Total (8 wkts)	215

G E Sainsbury did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–37, 2–113, 3–143, 4–144, 5–170, 6–176, 7–203, 8–204.

BOWLING: Connor 8-1-25-1; Tremlett 11.5-2-22-2; Smith 8-1-39-0; Cowley 16-2-48-0; Maru 15-4-64-4; Reifer 1-0-7-0; Pocock 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: A Jepson and P J Eele.

Broad gets himself some batting practice

By Marcus Williams

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (5 pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (7).

The Nottinghamshire opening batsmen, Robinson and Broad, should remember this match with affection, Broad because it coincided with his first selection for England and Robinson because he scored 256 runs for once out. For the rest, however, the season's second drawn meeting of the two leading teams in the county championship will quickly fade from memory.

Once Rice had committed himself to bowling Leicestershire out twice and Leicestershire scuppered the plan yesterday by averting the follow-on, albeit by the narrowest of margins, there was insufficient time to fashion a result after the loss of play on the first two days.

Nottinghamshire might rue a further rash of missed catches, but even though Hemmings's off-spin worked its way through the lower order in an admirable spell throughout the morning, it was hard to believe that on an easy pitch Leicestershire could be dismissed a second time.

At the start Leicestershire needed 109 to avoid following on with six wickets in hand and it took a last-wicket stand of 36 between Parsons, their saviour in the earlier fixture at Trent Bridge, and Agnew to get them there. Hemmings, wheeling away from the pavilion end, had Garnham, Clift and Boon caught close to the wicket.

Roberts decided to hit this way out of trouble, but perished at long-on after two steepling straight sixes off Hemmings. Broad, having already missed Boon at mid-on, dropped Cook at third slip to deprive Nottinghamshire of maximum bowling, though he did make amends after lunch.

In the next over, with Leicestershire still 34 runs short, Hadlee failed to grasp a difficult chance from Agnew and when Parsons hooked his second six and 11 runs came off an over from Hadlee, Nottinghamshire's chance had all but gone. However, it took an inadvertent miskick to the boundary by the gallant Hemmings to take Leicestershire past the immediate target and, by another of cricket's ironies, Parsons, after a diligent stay of two hours, fell to the next ball.



Robinson: shone in the sun.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 404 (R T Robinson 171; A M E Roberts 5 for 104)

Second Innings

B C Broad not out	41
R T Robinson not out	85
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 1)	2
Total (no wkt)	128

B Hassan, D W Randall, *C E B Rice, J D Birch, R J Hadlee, R A Pick, E E Hemmings, †C W Scott and K E Cooper did not bat.

BOWLING: Roberts 3-0-12-0; Agnew 4-2-7-0; Cook 16-5-44-0; Parsons 11-1-38-0; Clift 10-3-21-0; Willey 7-3-6-0; Butcher 1-1-0-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

I P Butcher c Scott b Hadlee	54
J J Whitaker b Pick	12
*D I Gower c Rice b Cooper	43
P Willey c Randall b Hadlee	6
T J Boon c Hassan b Hemmings	25
†M A Garnham c Robinson b Hemmings	6
P B Clift c Hassan b Hemmings	25
G J Parsons c Scott b Cooper	41
A M E Roberts c Randall b Hemmings	18
N G B Cook c Broad b Hadlee	4
J P Agnew not out	9
Extras (b 5, l-b 5, w 2, n-b 2)	14
Total	257

Score at 100 overs: 212 for 8

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–14, 2–85, 3–104, 4–133, 5–155, 6–170, 7–188, 8–210, 9–221, 10–257.

BOWLING: Hadlee 27-7-60-3; Pick 20-4-63-1; Cooper 29.4-14-51-2; Hemmings 35-16-69-4.

Umpires: C Cook and A G T Whitehead.

Warwicks v Somerset

AT EDGBASTON

Somerset (22pts) beat Warwickshire (6) by 116 runs

SOMERSET: First Innings 354 for 8 dec (P M Roebuck 102, N F M Popplewell 90)

Second Innings

J G Wyatt l-b-w b Gifford	4
P M Roebuck b Gifford	21
N F M Popplewell b Small	26
M D Crowe not out	152
B C Rose c Willis b Ferreira	60
*I T Botham b Ferreira	38
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, w 4, n-b 4)	14
Total (5 wkts dec)	315

V J Marks, J W Lloyds, †T Gard, C H Dredge and M R Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–25, 2–28, 3–112, 4–241, 5–315.

BOWLING: Gifford 27-3-135-2; Small 10-1-32-1; P A Smith 4-0-23-0; Ferreira 11.5-0-78-2; Old 16-4-27-0; Willis 7-1-6-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 301 for 5 dec (D L Amiss 80, K D Smith 77).

Second Innings

K D Smith b Crowe	15
R I H B Dyer b Botham	2
A I Kallicharran c Rose b Davis	5
D L Amiss c Marks b Crowe	43
†G W Humpage b Crowe	24
P A Smith b Marks	38
A M Ferreira l-b-w b Botham	61
C M Old retired hurt	29
G C Small c Wyatt b Botham	14
N Gifford not out	10
*R G D Willis c Gard b Botham	5
Extras (b 1, l-b 5)	6
Total	252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–12, 2–17, 3–46, 4–90, 5–95, 6–148, 7–235, 8–246, 9–252.

BOWLING: Davis 10-0-55-1; Botham 14.1-2-64-4; Crowe 10-1-37-3; Dredge 8-0-43-0; Marks 11-3-37-1; Lloyds 2-0-10-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and R A White.

Crowd short with Botham

Ian Botham was heckled for short-pitched bowling at tailenders as Somerset beat Warwickshire by 116 runs at Edgbaston yesterday. Warwickshire, facing a target of 369, fell to 95 for five and then Botham (four for 64) took the last three wickets. Old was forced to retire after being struck on the helmet by Botham.

Earlier, Crowe had made an unbeaten 152 in 167 minutes (22 fours and three sixes) before a lunchtime declaration by Somerset at 315 for five.

Lancashire survived a late charge by Worcester at Old Trafford, who failed to win by just three runs after having set a target of 77 runs in nine overs.

Sussex also narrowly avoided defeat by Glamorgan in an exciting finish at Hove, where they ended on 227 for nine after chasing a target of 244 in 46 overs.

Sussex v Glamorgan

Glamorgan: First Innings 300 for 7 dec (Younis Ahmed 122, J A Hopkins 74)

Second Innings

J A Hopkins b Greig	32
A L Jones c Gould b Greig	19
R C Ontong c sub b Jones	70
Younis Ahmed c Gould b C M Wells	11
G C Holmes b C M Wells	0
C J C Rowe c Gould b Gould b le Roux	18
J F Steele not out	47
†T Davies c Waller b Greig	31
W W Davis b Greig	1
S R Barwick not out	3
Extras (l-b 3, w1, n-b 9)	
Total (8 wkts dec)	243

*M W W Selvey to did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–38, 2–64, 3–83, 4–83, 5–117, 6–178, 7–233, 8–235.

BOWLING: le Roux 17-5-42-1; Jones 11-3-17-1; Reeve 5-1-14-0; Greig 26-6-68-4; Waller 17-4-47-0; C M Wells 12-2-42-2.

SUSSEX: First Innings 300 for 7 dec (C M Wells 138 not out, D A Reeve 52; W W Davis 5 for 68).

Second Innings

A M Green c sub b Ontong	81
*J R T Barclay b Davis	16
P W G Parker c Rowe b Selvey	31
C M Wells c Selvey b Ontong	1
A P Wells c and b Davis	37
I A Greig c Jones b Ontong	12
†I J Gould run out	24
G S le Roux b Davis	7
D A Reeve not out	1
C E Waller l-b-w b Ontong	0
A N Jones not out	0
Extras (b 3, l-b 9, n-b 5)	17
Total (9 wkts)	227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–29, 2–88, 3–89, 4–150, 5–172, 6–217, 7–225, 8–225, 9–226.

BOWLING: Davis 13-1-63-3; Barwick 7-0-26-0; Steele 3-0-17-0; Selvey 9-0-44-1; Ontong 14-1-60-4.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and R Palmer.

Lancashire v Worcs

AT OLD TRAFFORD

G Fowler c and b d'Oliveira	22
M R Chadwick b Kapil Dev	7
S J O'Shaughnessy b Kapil Dev	0
N H Fairbrother l-b-w b Illingworth	49
D P Hughes b Illingworth	12
*J Abrahams c Curtis b d'Oliveira	28
S T Jefferies b Illingworth	45
J Simmons c Inchmore b Illingworth	9
P J W Allott c Kapil Dev b Illingworth	5
I Folley c Curtis b Pridgeon	1
†J Stanworth not out	0
Extras (b 6, l-b 8, w 1, n-b 2)	17
Total	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–19, 3–48, 4–82, 5–97, 6–164, 7–182, 8–187, 9–196, 10–196.

BOWLING: Pridgeon 14-4-36-1; Kapil Dev 14-5-33-2; d'Oliveira 20-6-50-2; Illingworth 24.2-10-58-5; Inchmore 3-1-2-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

M J Weston b O'Shaughnessy	81
T S Curtis b O'Shaughnessy	48
D M Smith c Hughes b Abrahams	77
*P A Neale l-b-w b Simmons	46
D B d'Oliveira l-b-w b Allott	35
Kapil Dev b Simmons	15
†D J Humphries c O'Shaughnessy b Simmons	4
R K Illingworth b Simmons	4
J D Inchmore c Fairbrother b Simmons	5
D Patel l-b-w b Jefferies	2
A P Pridgeon not out	2
Extras (b 1, l-b 10, w 1, n-b 2)	14
Total	303

Score at 100 overs: 300 for 9

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–107, 2–133, 3–232, 4–238, 5–257, 6–261, 7–283, 8–291, 9–296, 10–303.

BOWLING: Allott 19-4-53-1; Jefferies 11.4-2-47-1; Simmons 36-6-104-5; Folley 16-8-31-0; O'Shaughnessy 11-1-40-2; Abrahams 5-1-14-1.

Second Innings

D M Smith b Simmons	5
D B d'Oliveira c Fairbrother b Allott	34
*Kapil Dev l-b-w b Simmons	2
J D Inchmore c Stanworth b Allott	5
†D J Humphries not out	15
P A Neale b Simmons	5
M K Weston run out	7
Extras (l-b 1)	1
Total (6 wkts)	74

T S Curtis, R K Illingworth, D N Patel and A P Pridgeon did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–29, 3–40, 4–59, 5–67, 6–74.

BOWLING: Allott 4-0-27-2; Jefferies 1-0-16-0; Simmons 4-0-30-3.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and J A Jameson.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Leicestershire (4)	11	6	0	5	27	36	159
Nottingham (14)	10	5	1	4	26	31	137
Essex (1)	10	4	2	4	21	34	119
Sussex (11)	10	4	1	5	27	32	119
Kent (7)	9	4	2	3	17	24	105
Yorkshire (17)	9	3	0	6	27	21	96
Surrey (8)	12	2	3	7	27	35	94
Worcester (16)	10	2	2	6	24	29	85
Somerset (10)	8	2	2	4	19	24	75
Warwickshire (5)	9	1	3	5	30	22	68
Hampshire (3)	10	1	5	4	28	25	65
Middlesex (2)	9	1	5	3	18	26	60
Glamorgan (15)	9	1	2	6	19	23	58
Northampton (6)	9	1	4	4	23	18	57
Derbyshire (9)	10	0	3	7	30	27	57
Lancashire (12)	10	0	1	9	24	30	54
Gloucester (12)	9	1	2	6	16	19	51

Sussex total includes 12 points for a win in match reduced to one innings a side.

1983 positions in brackets

YACHTING

Easy for O'Gorman

By John Nicholls

Tony O'Gorman, from Kinsale, led a pack of Irish Dragons at the finish of the second race in the Edinburgh Cup series, sponsored by Beefeater Gin, at Cowes yesterday. He won the first race on Monday, and once ahead yesterday, never looked like being passed. Second and fourth places were also filled by Irish boats, and only Philip Tolhurst, from Burnham-on-Crouch, prevented a clean sweep.

John Boyce, also from Burnham, led O'Gorman around the windward mark, but although his tactics are impeccable, Boyce's borrowed boat appears to lack speed. Boyce has recently been racing Stars, and narrowly missed Olympic selection in that event.

With O'Gorman safely in the lead, interest switched to the fight for second place. Boyce slowly dropped out of contention to seventh place, while Alan Crosbie improved from tenth place on the first round to eventually take the second gun.

RESULTS: Second race: 1, Galax (T O'Gorman, Kinsale); 2, Isolde (A Crosbie, Kinsale); 3, Warlord (P Tolhurst, Royal Burnham); 4, Tarasque (M Cotter, Royal St George); 5, Rascal (B Waples, Royal Corinthian); 6, Sital II (C Dicker, Royal Norfolk and Suffolk).

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IN BRIEF

Southend want Invicta

Southend United, relegated to division four of the Football League, are expected to introduce Rugby League football to Roots Hall next season. The club chairman, Andrew Macutcheon, has had talks with officials from Kent Invicta, who hope to move from their present headquarters in Maidstone.

Agreement has been reached, and now all that is needed is a final rubber-stamping from the Rugby League management committee on Friday.

BOWLS: Wales, trounced by England on Monday, forced their way back into the reckoning in the Lombard women's international matches at Leamington Spa, with a surprise 21 shots victory over Scotland, holders of the British title, by 126–105.

BOXING: Steffan Tangstad, of Norway, the No 1 contender for the European heavyweight title, who sent Joe Bugner into retirement, is to move his base from Chigaco to London. Tangstad, who is unbeaten in 23 contests, makes his first appearance in a British ring on the Sylvester Mittee v Floyd Mayweather bill at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel on July 14.

YACHTING: The Italian Yacht Club on Monday unveiled their challenge for the 1987 America's Cup, which is to be sponsored by 10 companies under the collective banner, Consorzio Italia. The crew will train for the Perth, Australia, competition on the British yacht, Victory '83, purchased by the consortium.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

SUGAR LAND, Texas: LPGA leading money winners: 1, P Sheehan $164,982; 2, P Bradley $150,653; 3, A Okamoto (Jap) $144,674; 4, B King $132,508; 5, J Inkster $103,488; 6, A Alcott $92,910; 7, N Lopez $84,039; 8, L Rinker $77,159; 9, A Miller $75,137; 10, D White $74,948.

PONTE VEDRA, FLORIDA: US PGA Tour's money winners: 1, T Watson $354,959; 2 T Kite $312,571; 3, F Couples $290,035; 4, A Bean $283,913; 5, G Norgan $256,247; 6, B Crenshaw $248,430; 7, G Koch $237,865; 8, C Stadler $229,058; 9, D Edwards $225,511; 10, B Lietzke $217,627; 11, J Renner $203,799; 12, J Nicklaus $199,386

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 2, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Milwaukee Brewers 9, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Kansas City Royals 18, Oakland A's 0; Seattle Mariners 6, Chicago White Sox 1; Boston Red Sox 7, Baltimore Orioles 4; New York Yankees 7, Detroit Tigers 3; Texas Rangers 5, California Angels 4 (after 11 innings).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston Astros 6, Atlanta Braves 5; Atlanta Braves 6, Houston Astros 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 3, Chicago Cubs 0; St Louis Cardinals 5, Montreal Expos 4; San Diego Padres 9, Los Angeles Dodgers 4; New York Mets 10, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Cincinnati Reds 2, San Francisco Giants 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BRISBANE: Australia 18, Britain 6.

SHOOTING

BLAIR ATHOLL: National Scottish Smallbore Rifle meeting: Galashiels Challenge Trophy (50m class X): 1, P Martin (Birmingham) 399; 2, C Williams (St Austell), 396. Dumbarton Trophy: Class x 100 yds: 1, W G Dee (Maidenhead) 388; equal 2, C Williams (St Austell) and C Ogle (Edinburgh University) 387. Duke of Westminster Cup (Class A 50m): 1, R Carter (Bedford) 395; equal 2, Miss S Waters (Hastings) and J Eccles (Alloa) 384. Sinclair Cup (D 50m) Mrs J Connor (Tonbridge) 381; Baillio Quaich Cup: (Class C 100 yds) F Cullen (Basildon) 373.

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON: Women's international series: Wales 126, Scotland 105. Rink scores (Wales first): M Jones 19, M Halliday 11; L Nicholas 20, M Logan 20; J Davies 16, S McCrone 24; B Morgan 36, S Morrison 15, M Pomeroy 12, F White 20, L Parker 23, A Knowles 15.

BASKETBALL

Taipei: William Jones Cup: United States 88, Kwanghwa 37; Canada 81, Netherlands 65; Italy 96, Thailand 62; Spain 76, Egypt 62; Philippines 94, Malaysia 54.



CRICKET: CRACKED RIB DELAYS YORKSHIREMAN'S TEST OF MATURITY

Gatting will replace the injured Moxon

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

After reading the Riot Act to his Middlesex team at the Oval yesterday, Mike Gatting was obliged to turn his attention to tomorrow's second test match against the West Indies at Lord's, sponsored by Cornhill. He has been called in to take the place in the England 12 of Martyn Moxon, who has withdrawn with a cracked rib.

I like to think Moxon's injury is providential. It is only a matter of weeks, or months at the most, before he wins his first cap, and the selectors were taking a fearful chance bringing him in so early in the series. He was hit by Hanley, a South African, when making 91 for Yorkshire against Northamptonshire at Northampton on Saturday, since when the injury has become progressively more painful. Hanley is some yard slower than the West Indian, Marshall.

So back comes Gatting. Since being left out, after the one-day internationals, he has not been in consistent form. To set against his 258 against Somerset and a dashing Sunday league hundred have been several low scores. But Gower, I expect, will be pleased to have him back. Moxon's absence means that Broad and Fowler are sure to go in first. It might otherwise have been Broad and Moxon, with Fowler at number three.

Whether Gower, Lamb or Gatting will now be at three is undecided. Gower's best Test innings, against New Zealand at Lord's last year, was played from Number five. But there is nowhere in the first eight in the order that he has not at some time batted for England. In his last three Tests, in Pakistan, he went in first.

The West Indians have the usual strains and bruises and minor illnesses which beset a touring team. Lloyd (damaged hand), Marshall (hay fever), Holding (foot) and Garner (ankle) are all having treatment. It will be a surprise, all the same, if any of them miss tomorrow's match.



A heave by Cowans leaves his wicket open to Monkhouse (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Surrey can see a new day beginning to dawn

By John Woodcock

THE OVAL: Surrey (24 pts) beat Middlesex (4 pts) by an innings and 154 runs.

Surrey made inconveniently short work of Middlesex yesterday, their sweeping victory being achieved three and a half hours before their President, Sir Alexander Durie, was due to open the new executive terrace and restaurant at the Oval.

Not since 1980 had Middlesex been beaten by an innings. But the result will do much less harm to them than good for Surrey, not only because it was particularly timely with so many of Surrey's sponsors heading for the Oval. Middlesex have reacted to it by making several changes for their match at Swansea today. Surrey, on the other hand, will be viewing the rest of the summer with hope renewed. They had a dreadful start to the season.

Competition between these great metropolitan rivals has always been keen. Yesterday it was soon over. On Monday Surrey's two West Indians, Lynch from Guyana and Clarke from Barbados, had given them their advantage. Now Monkhouse and Thomas drove it home. Howarth still had Clarke in reserve when Surrey won. In 55 minutes Middlesex lost their last six wickets for 35 runs.

Butcher was well caught at second slip off Thomas off the first ball of the day, Lynch holding the ball right-handed. Radley was next to go, splendidly taken low down at leg slip off Monkhouse. This was a catch to bring back leg-trap memories of Micky Stewart, Stuart Surridge and Tony Lock. Another, by Stewart, did the same, his quick reactions at square short leg accounting for Williams. Edmonds had been bowled behind his legs; Cowans swiped in vain at Monkhouse, and Downton, having defended sensibly, as he did for England recently, was last out, caught at slip off Monkhouse.

Middlesex were outplayed. "It won't do," Gatting said afterwards. But the fact is that when he himself fails, as he did twice in this match, their batting is distinctly vulnerable. Last year Barlow did them very well, and Butcher, until he was hit on the head by Ferris, played some spectacular innings. Now they have both been dropped.

Surrey, for their part, caught brilliantly and bowled very well.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 155 (R D V Knight 4 for 7)

Second Innings

G D Barlow c Richards b Clarke	8
W N Slack c Stewart b Clarke	12
*M W Gatting c Pocock b Clarke	10
J E Emburey c and b Clarke	8
R O Butcher c Lynch b Thomas	6
C T Radley c Knight b Monkhouse	8
†P R Downton c Knight b Monkhouse	8
P H Edmonds b Thomas	4
N F Williams c Stewart b Thomas	0
N G Cowans b Monkhouse	8
W W Daniel not out	10
Extras (b 4, l-b 7, n-b 1)	12
Total	90

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–18, 2–35, 3–43, 4–48, 5–55, 6–63, 7–70, 8–70, 9–79, 10–90.

BOWLING: Clarke 10-1-28-4; Thomas 9-2-33-3; Monkhouse 12.1-5-17-3.

SURREY: First Innings 389 (M A Lynch 118, C J Richards 64, G Monkhouse 51).

Umpires: W E Alley and H D Bird.

Kent make it fourth win of season

By Peter Ball

DERBY: Kent (23 pts) beat Derby (4) by eight wickets.

Kent took just over 100 minutes yesterday to complete their fourth championship victory of the season. It was a result which their seam bowlers had made virtually inevitable after tea on the second day, and they wasted little time in the morning in tidying up the remnants of Derbyshire's batting.

The third over of the day, bowled by Ellison, whose return to the side after injury has made them look a much better team than the one beaten in two days by Sussex less than two weeks ago, was the end for the Derbyshire innings. Taylor claimed Derbyshire's only addition to the overnight score by taking a single off the third ball.

The fourth accounted for Newman, whose indeterminate forward push edged an outswinger to Marsh, who had a quietly effective game as Knott's deputy, to hold a good catch, diving in front of first slip. The next ball, another outswinger, proved too much for Broome, who touched it to second slip to leave Ellison, beginning at Worcester today, on a hat-trick of sorts.

Even on a wicket which was visible offering help to the seam bowlers, there was never much doubt that Kent would acquire the 56 needed for victory. The loss of Potter to the second ball of the innings engendered caution however, and their progress was accordingly steady as the first boundary did not arrive until the twelfth over.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 199 (R M Ellison 4 for 34)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c and b Alderman	35
J G Wright c Johnson b Jarvis	62
A Hill c Marsh b Cowdrey	0
J E Morris b Ellison	17
G Miller c Tavaré b Jarvis	0
W P Fowler c Aslett b Jarvis	19
R J Finney c Alderman b Jarvis	5
B Roberts c Ellison b Alderman	3
P G Newman c Marsh b Ellison	6
†R W Taylor not out	11
I Broome c Alderman b Ellison	0
Extras (n-b 2)	2
Total	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–64, 2–66, 3–113, 4–114, 5–119, 6–131, 7–144, 8–144, 9–161, 10–161.

BOWLING: Jarvis 16-3-41-4; Alderman 20-6-69-2; Ellison 10.5-3-41-3; Cowdrey 6-2-8-1.

KENT: First Innings 305 (C S Cowdrey 95)

Second Innings

N R Taylor not out	45
L Potter l-b-w b Finney	0
*C J Tavaré c Miller b Newman	8
D G Aslett not out	2
Extras (l-b 1, w 1, n-b 1)	3
Total (2 wkts)	58

C S Cowdrey, G W Johnson, R M Ellison, †S A Marsh, T M Alderman, D L Underwood and K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–46.

BOWLING: Finney 7-1-17-1; Newman 8-3-17-1; Roberts 5-2-14-0; Wright 1-0-3-0; Broome 0.1-0-4-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and N T Plews.

Bairstow acrobatics help beat Northamptonshire

By Richard Streeton

NORTHAMPTON: Yorkshire (23 pts) beat Northamptonshire by an innings and 34 runs.

There was only 80 minutes play yesterday, but a surfeit of drama with Moxon's withdrawal from the Test match and a dreadful collapse by Northamptonshire. On a helpful pitch, Carrick finished with six for 32 as Yorkshire gained their first win by an innings since 1980.

Yokshire, who were able to set attacking field throughout, had Fletcher absent with a pinched nerve in his back, and Stevenson unlikely to bowl because of a bruised heel. It was fortunate for them, therefore, that Carrick, who was recovering from a heavy cold, bowled with such splendid control.

Carrick's third ball at the start bowled Mallender, the nightwatchman, and at the other end Sidebottom immediately dismissed Bamber, who apparently played so well on Monday evening. Lamb and Williams hinted at a stand, before Lamb was beaten through the air and stumped, shortly after he was struck on the left hand by Sidebottom.

Bailey was out to another piece of good work by Bairstow, who say an edged stroke bounce out of his glove but recovered to dive and hold the ball at the third or fourth attempt.

Williams, the only batsman to look confident, was run out. He drove the ball from Booth, the other left-arm spinner, to deep mid-off, and raced to the other end, but Steele, his partner, never left his crease. Sidebottom had plenty of time to return the ball to Bairstow, the Williams departed after angry words with his team mate.

The last three wickets fell rapidly with Sharp, brilliantly caught at silly point, and Hanley bowled in the same over. Griffiths moved out to Booth to give Bairstow another stumping, and complete Yorkshire's first win on this ground for 19 years.



Bairstow: brilliant catch

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 329 (M D Moxon 90, A A Metcalfe 58; D S Steele 4 for 97)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 135 (S D Fletcher 4 for 42)

Second Innings

*G Cook c Metcalfe b Carrick	39
W Larkins b Fletcher	5
M J Bamber l-b-w b Sidebottom	51
N A Mallender b Carrick	0
A J Lamb st Bairstow b Carrick	7
R G Williams run out	35
R J Bailey c Bairstow b Carrick	1
D S Steele not out	6
†G Sharp c Sharp b Carrick	3
R W Hanley b Carrick	4
B J Griffiths st Bairstow b Booth	0
Extras (l-b 5, n-b 3)	8
Total	160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–12, 2–98, 3–100, 4–100, 5–130, 6–135, 7–148, 8–155, 9–159, 10–160.

BOWLING: Sidebottom 11-1-44-1; Fletcher 7-0-23-1; Booth 24-10-36-1; Stevenson 5-0-17-0; Carrick 20-8-32-6.

Umpires: J H Harris and R Julian

Hanley doubt

Rupert Hanley, of Northamptonshire, the South African pace bowler has a groin strain and is doubtful for the championship match against Warwickshire today. Alan Walker stands by and, with Allan Lamb on England duty, Duncan Wild returns.

Openers lay base of victory

Schools cricket
by George Chesterton

Bradfield beat Radley to win their fourth successive schools match on Saturday. Radley made thir way to 208 for nine, Stephenson scoring 46. Tremellan, who made 63, and Leyton, 46, opening for Bradfield, put on 97 for the first wicket, a foundation which made victory possible by five wickets.

At lunch Tonbridge were 95 for seven against Lancing and looked to be in trouble; but Richardson batted soundly in making 69 and, with his help, they reached 196. No Lancing batsman played a dominant innings and Tonbridge were able to snatch victory on the last ball of the match, Lancing being all out for 153.

Today's Fixtures

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Essex
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Middlesex
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Sussex
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Leicestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent

Other match
BANSTEAD: Surrey v Cambridge University (11.30-6.30)

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex; Usk: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire; Olton and West Warwicks: Warwickshire v Worcestershire; Bradford: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Yeovil: Somerset II v Cheshire; Leek: Staffordshire v Bedfordshire

TOUR MATCH: Mortlake: Minor Counties XI v Kenya.

FOOTBALL
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. Final: France v Spain (Paris, 7.0).

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: Women's international series (at Leamington Spa).
YACHTING: Edinburgh Cup (Cowes).
SWIMMING: Eight nations meeting (at Cardiff).

ATHLETICS

IAC make a case for 10 more names

By Pat Butcher

The rapid confirmation by the British Olympic Association of 10 extra places in the athletics team for Los Angeles, a day after the British Amatiur Athletic Board officials demonstrated uncertainty over the possibility of additions, casts further doubts upon the credibility of the selection policy. And that credibility is going to be tested even further by the International Athletes Club, who are demanding the inclusion of another 10 athletes.

Some of the obvious omissions, like Buster Watson in the 200 metres, Phil Beattie, Martin Gillingham and Gladys Taylor in the 400 metres hurdles, have been justly rectified, although there should be as much sympathy for Aston Moore being passed over in the triple jump, in favour of John Herbert, whom Moore has consistently beaten this season, as there is for Peter Elliott, losing out to Sebastian Coe in the 1,500 metres.

The IAC are making a good case for their 10 nominations, headed by Geoff Parsons and Debbie Marti in the high jumpm and Peter Yates in the javelin, all of whom are at the same level as those already selected for their events, on the basis that they will justify the board's criteria of getting into the final pool of their competitions.

Since board members themselves have spent the last month justifying a team of aroung 95, and since yesterday's additions make the current number up to 85, the IAC certainly have a sound numerical lobby. They are also in a position to say that financing of the extra places is not a problem. Not only do they have the assurance of the BOA that money is available for further additions to the team, they have the justification that their organization has often helped the BOA in their fund-raising efforts for the Games.

The other athletes whom the IAC are demanding to be included are: Jane Andrew (Sprint relay), Jeff Gutteridge (pole vault), David Smith (hammer), Richard Slaney (discus), Sharon Gibson (javelin), Paul Mardle (discus), Myrtle Augee (shot), and Linda Whitely (discus).

Moorcroft's late start

By Pat Butcher

David Moorcroft, the world record holder at 5,000 metres makes his belated seasonal debut at Gateshead, on Friday weekin the England match against Spain and Sweden, but Steve Cram's first run of the summer, at his Olympic distance of 1,500 metres may be in jeopardy, due to the injury he incurred in winning the AAA 800 metres championship, last Sunday.

Cram strained his right calf muscle and having had the injury strapped up for 24 hours until yesterday, was hoping to begin jogging again before this weekend. But it now looks as if he will not be training until at least Sunday and Jimmy Hedley, his coach said yesterday, that there must be a question mark beside Cram's appearance in front of his home crowd.

Moorcroft runs in the 3,000 metres, in the match, sponsored by Rank Xerox. And Andy Norman, the England team manager hopes to persuade either Steve Ovett or Sebastian Coe to make an appearance in the 800 metres.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain mauled by Pearce and Meninga

Brisbane (Reuter) – Australia yesterday beat Britain 18-6 to win their sixth successive series between the two countries. Wayne Pearce, the Australia loose forward, was judged man of the match after inspiring the home side to their ninth consecutive win over Britain since 1978.

Britain were superb in defence, but it was obvious Australia had their measure after the first 40 minutes, which they dominated. *Mal Meninya*, the Australia centre, finished the match two points short of a century in international games, scoring a try and three goals.

Britain rallied late in the second half to score one of the best tries seen at Lang Park, when Australia were leading 14-0. The move started in Britain's own quarter. Tony Myler, the stand-off, and Mick Adams, the replacement forward, put Gary Schofield through a gap, and the teenage centre handled three times before scoring in the corner.

SCORES: Try: E Grothe, M Meninga, W Pearce. Goals: Meninga (3). BRITAIN: Try: G Schofield. Goal: M Burke. AUSTRALIA: G Jack, E Grothe, G Miles, M Meninga, K Boustead; W Lewis (Capt), M Murray, W Pearce, P Vautin, B Niebling, G Dowling, G Conescu, D Brown. BRITAIN: M Burke; D Drummond, G Schofield, K Mumby, E Hanley; T Myler, N Holding; M Worrall, A Goodway, C Burton, Lee Crooks (replacement: M Adams), B Noble (Capt), K Payne. Referee: R Shrimpton (New Zealand).

14 ask to go

Fulham rugby club, relegated to the second division yesterday transfer-listed 14 out of the club's 25 players at their own request. They asked for a move after relegation and the departure of Reg Bowden, player/coach, to Warrington. Those who want to leave are:
Steve Diamond, John Crossley, David Hull, Adrain Cambriani, Chris Ganley, Sean Hoare, Martin Herdman, David Allen, Tony Kinsey, Harry Beverley, Tony Gourley, Derek Noonan, Joe Doherty and Carl Radbone.

MOTOR RALLYING

Blomqvist goes further ahead

Auckland (Reuter) – Sweden's Stig Blomqvist extended his lead in the world drivers' championship when he steered his Audi Quattro to victory in the New Zealand rally. It was Blomqvist's third world championship. Blomqvist is eight points ahead of the second-placed Marku Alen, of Finland.

RESULTS: 1, S Blomqvist (Swe) Audi Quattro 10hrs 40min 41sec; 2, M Alen (Fin) Lancia Rally 10:45:28; 3, H Mikkola (Fin) Audi Quattro 10:48:10; 4, Timo Salonen (Fin) Nissan 240 RS 11:05:29; 5, B Waldegard (Swe) Toyota Turbo 11:35:58; 6, R Cook (NZ) Nissan 240 RS 11:44:20. World Drivers' Championship: 1, Blomqvist 83 points; 2, Alen 78; 3, Mikkola 71; 4, A Bettega (It) 34; 5, M Biasion (It) 31; 6, Waldegard 28.

FOOTBALL

Destiny decrees French win by length of Champs-Elysées

From Clive White, Paris

If ever any proof were needed that France will win this European Championship it was provided in their death-defying performance during those last minutes of theatre in Saturday's semi-final. How could Spain, or anyone, follow that? The feeling of destiny rather than favouritism is overwhelmingly with the French and Spain will do well not to lose the final before they take the field at the Parc des Princes Stadium.

The evidence points almost embarrassingly towards France and a victory by the length of the Champs-Elysées. Apart from a slight knee injury to Fernandez, born infuriatingly for Spain in France but to Spanish parents, France have everyone fit and eligible.

Not so Spain, who have few fit and even fewer of their fit eligible. It is unfortunate as much for the final as themselves that they have lost their towering blond centre-back, Maceda, and Gordillo, their tower of inspiration, both through suspension. Only two defenders in their squad are reported to be fit, Camacho and Urquiaga. It seems likely that Goicoechea will be asked to make a speedy recovery from his injury against West Germany.

It is dificult to see how Spain can hurt the French but they have continually dumbfounded us since they sheepishly crept into these finals by "virtue" of a strangely perfect 12-1 defeat of Malta. They had given us some warning, I suppose, by also reaching the climax of the under-21 championship, but such clues are not always reliable

They have shown themselves to be a good, methodical side with few outstanding individuals. It was not until Sarabia, a substitute, came on against Denmark in their semi-final that they sprang to life in attack and the suggestion is that he will again be kept in reserve. Otherwise, only Santillana, who qualified along with Maceda in the *L'Equipe* newspaper team of the championship, threatens goals. Bossis will be the most formidable deterent he has faced in that area.

How dearly now must they wish for the Frenchmen Amoros, another of Spanish parentage. How galling it must be to see him seated on the substitutes' bench. The French, having appealed against the three-match suspension of Amoros for butting Jesper Olsen in the closing minutes of the opening match have now, ironically, as good as lengthened his suspension by overlooking him now.

It was impossible for a romantic like Michel Hidalgo, the manager, to drop Domergue, his two-goal hero against Portugal even if Amoros is a better full back. But he has dropped six, one of the best against Belgium, but not so against Portugal. If Fernandez, an important figure for France is unfit, Genghini will take his place. Hildalgo has still to decide between Ferreri and Bellone in attack, which means no place for the gified Rocheteau.

Is it any wonder with such players that the home advantages has seemed inconsequential. Seldom can that have been said of another host nation in a major championship.

Miguel Munoz, the Spanish manager, remarked perhaps prematurely for his own team's good earlier in the tournament that France were the best team he had seen since the Brazilians of 1962. Munoz, as the first man to score a European goal for Madrid, knows exceptional talent when he sees it.

But if France are to confirm their European superiority tonight, and remind us of how the World Cup in Spain might have finished but for the lack of strength rather than skill in Seville, will the French dominance last until Mexico two years hence? Several of their players will have reached a dangerous age for footballers: Platini will be 31, Giresse 30, Tigana 30, Rocheteau 31, Six 31 and Lacombe 33. At least tonight let us hope we can savour once again a very, very good vintage.

Routes to the final

FRANCE: Group one: June 12 (Paris) bt Denmark 1-0 (Platini), June 16 (Nantes) bt Belgium 5-0 (Platini 3, Giresse, Fernandez), June 19 (St Etienne) bt Yugoslavia 3-2 (Platini 3). Semi-final: June 23 (Marseilles) bt Portugal 3-2 after extra time (Domergue 2, Platini).
SPAIN: Group two: June 14 (St Etienne) drew with Romania 1-1 (Carrasco, pen.); June 17 (Marseilles) drew with Portugal 1-1 (Santillana); June 20 (Paris) bt West Germany 1-0 (Maceda). Semi-final: June 24 (Lyons) drew with Denmark 1-1 after extra time (Maceda), won 5-4 on penalties.

FRANCE: J Bats (Auxerre); P Battiston (Bordeaux), M Bossis (Nantes), Y Le Roux (Monaco), J F Domergue (Toulouse), J Tigana (Bordeaux), A Giresse (Bordeaux), M Platini (Juventus), L Fernandez (Paris Saint Germain), or B Genghini (Monaco), B Lacombe (Bordeaux), J M Ferreri (Auxerre) or B Bellone (Monaco)
SPAIN (from): L Arconada (Real Sociedad) J Camacho (Real Madrid), J Senor (Real Zaragoza), Victor Munoz (Barcelona), C Santillana (Real Madrid), R Gallego (Real Madrid), F Carrasco (Barcelona), Salvador Garcia (Athletic Bilbao), A Goicoechea (Athletic Bilbao), Roberto Fernandez (Valencia), Francisco Lopez (Sevilla), Marcos Alonso (Barcelona), E Butragueno (Real Madrid), M Sarabia (Athletic Bilbao).
Referee: V Christov (Czechoslovakia).

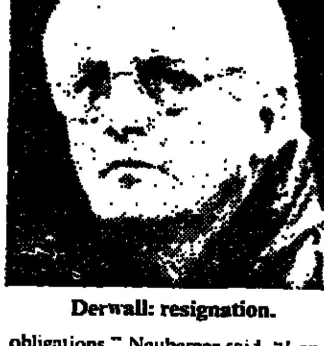
Derwall calls it a day

Paris, (Reuter) – Jupp Derwell resigned yesterday as manager of the West German team. Derwell, aged 57, whose term of office was due to run until the 1986 World Cup, became the first West German manager ever to resign before his contract had expired.

He had been under heavy fire from the West German press for the past two years and the critism intensified when his team was beaten by Spain last week and failed to reach the semi-finals of the European Championships.

Hermann Neuberger, the president of the West German football federation who is in Paris for today's final between Spain and France, said Derwall had offered his resignation after the match with Spain. "We will fulfill his contract until 1986 including all the financial obligations," Neuberger said. "I am proposing that Derwall will work in future in the international field. I cannot be more specific at the moment."

Neuberger said Derwall's successor would not be decided until the federation meets on July 13, though there are hints that Franz Beckenbauer, West Germany's most capped player, could become involved with the national team.



Derwall: resignation.

UEFA president to tackle hooligans

Paris (Reuter) – The newly-elected UEFA president, Jacques Georges, of France, who succeeds the late Artenio Franchi, yesterday called for tougher action against hooliganism.

"Violence in and outside stadiums is the biggest of football's many problems and if we do not fight it with every means at our disposal, we will soon be forced to bury the sport," he said.

Mr Georges was speaking to the UEFA congress shortly after standing as the only candidate to succeed Mr Franchi, who was killed in a road accident last year. He had been acting president since Mr Franchi's death.

"UEFA will conue to act severely against violence in the stadiums even if this is not always appreciated. Violence outside the stadiums is a matter for the public authorities. We are helpless without them."

Brighton lose Greenwood

Ron Greenwood, the former England manager, has resigned as a director of Brighton for personal reasons. Mr Greenwood, who lives in Hove, joined the board last November, when the club was fighting an attempted takeover. Bryan Bedson, a fellow director, said yesterday "We are very sad. We all thought a lot of Ron."

Perfection without a glance

From David Miller, Paris

In an hour's play of eight-a-side I doubt if he ever looked once in the direction he was passing, yet never missed his man throughout the game. At 57, Alfredo di Stefano is still the master of the short ball.

He is here for the finals of the European championship to watch his long-ago adopted country, Spain take on the fancied French here this evening, and the way things are among older players he was giving a get-together with such men as Just Fontaine and Eusebio, and what could have been more appropriate on a sunny afternoon at the Stade BP than to get the ball out.

It was more than 20 years ago that I first met him, an austere figure sitting on a wall outside his hotel in Porthcawl, looking across the Bristol Channel with his private thoughts before a World Cup qualifying tie against Wales. He scored a brilliant goal at Ninian Park, but he was destined to be the greatest player never to grace the final with either Argentina or Spain. The next year in Chilie, he was injured before Spain's first match.

He has just ended his contract as manager of Real Madrid and is wondering what may turn up. It is unthinkable that he should ever be out of the game and inevitably now he was the focal point of the knockout between an international team, more or less, and a side of former German internationals, including Heinz Hoetges, capped 62 times.

In all those wonderful years with Real Madrid, his detached air somehow set him above and apart from the others, as though he were operating in his own rarified plane. He would turn away from the ball if hit, not with a grimace but with slight disdain, and it was the same yesterday: you still do not give him a bad pass without receiving a frown, and unfortunately I gave him a few. His displeasure was nothing compared with the roasting he gave a Brazilian colleague, while all I received was the occasional *Defense Ingles!* if I did not chase back when he thought I should have.

It was a rare ambition fulfilled, if a shade late in life, to be on the same stretch of grass and calling for the return ball, which he would slip with that flick of an ankle that still deceives.

His opinion of the football – the serious stuff, that is – these last couple of weeks is slightly dismissive. "Most of them are thinking only of winning", he reflects. His favourite side, apart from France, is Portugal. "They play with the ball", he says with a shrug, as if he finds all this running about without it a trifle tedious.

With Real, he has just finished in second place to Bilbao on goal average, and he knows that, even at his age, with such a reputation another offer will come up soon.

Gerets bribery ban cut

Brussels (Reuter) – A Belgian appeals committee has reduced to 15 months the ban imposed on Eric Gerets, the former Belgium captain and 10 other players involved in the Standard Liege bribes case.

Gerets was barred from the game for three years in April after admitting paying Waterschei 420,000 francs (about £36,000) to ensure Standard, won the match. Standard won 2-1 and so took the 1982 league title.

The ban was cut to two years on appeal later that month, and reduced by another nine months on Monday night. Gerets, who was playing for AC Milan when the scandal broke, has since been dismissed by the Italian side.

The committee reduced the ban imposed on Rolands Janssens, the Waterschei captain, from 18 months to one year. Janssens admitted receiving the bribe from Gerets.

Raymond Goethals, the Standard manager, had his life ban reduced to a two-year suspension, and bans on seven other Standard players and three Waterschei players were cut from a year to nine months.

The suspensions left Belgium without most of their defence for this month's European championship finals, in France. The Belgian team managed a 2-0 win over Yugoslavia, but failed to reach the semi-finals after losing 5-0 to France.

Standard finished fourth in the Belgian league this season, despite having to field what was virtually a reserve side for the final matches of the season.

CYCLING

Return ticket to Games

By John Wilcockson

Muriel Sharp, the London-born woman who returned from the United States to gain international selection, will be going back to her hame in Boulder, Colorado next month, as part of Britain's Olympic cycling team.

Mrs Sharp, aged 31, has been lodging with her in-laws in Norfolk during the few weeks she has needed to prove herself worthy of a place in the team for the 79 kilometres women's road race, the first time this event has been included in the Olympic Games. Part of the team's preparation will be the week-long Coors Classic, in Colorado.

Mrs Sharp is expected to be a strong support rider for the two women who beat her when she finished third in the recent British women's road race championship, Catherine Swinnerton, a good sprint finisher, and Maria Blower.

There are no surprises in the selection for the men's 12-lap 90 kilometres road race. Neil Martin, fourth in the Mild Race, is supported by the consistent Peter Sanders, Mark Bell and the talented Darryl Webster.

TEAM: Women: Road race: C Swinnerton, M Blower, L Gornall, M Sharp. Men: Road race: M Bell, N Martin, P Sanders, D Webster. 100kms team time trial: I Cammish, S Poulter, K Reynolds, Webster. 1km time trial: M Barry. 1,000km sprint: Barry. 4,000km individual pursuit: S Wallace and one from Brent, P Curran, N Lilley, M Noble and A Timmis. 50km points race: Wallace and one from Brent, Curran, Lilley, L Noble and Timmis. 4,000km team pursuit: Four riders from Brent, Curran, Lilley, Noble and Timmis.

YACHTING

Triumph for the French

From a Special Correspondent, La Trinité, Brittany

The One Ton Cup series came to an end here yesterday with triumph for French designers and crews. Passion 2, the new Phillippe Briand design, won the long offshore race which finished yesterday and became the worthy winner of the One Ton Cup after one of the hardest fought series ever.

British yachts were initially well placed but fell back in a long fetch up the south Brittany coast. They failed to recover in the later downwind leg and all finished in the bottom half of the fleet.

LONG OFF SHORE RACE: 1, Passion 2 (Fr) P Briand; 2, Coyotte (Fr) B Trouble; 3, Nouva (It) A Sentella; 4, Alliance (Den) I Andersen; 5, Brava (It) P Landolfi.
BRITISH PLACINGS: 11, Jade, L Woodell; 13, Fever, D Diehl; 16, Constance of Leamington, C Martin; 18, Sidewinder, J Oswald
OVERALL: 1, Passion 2 (Fr) P Brian 149.13; 2, Citraine 3 (Fr) D Andrelieu 125.5; 3, Sirius XII (Spain) J Teubes 119.25; 4, Fair Lady (Fr) E Duchemin 118.5; 5, Coyotte (Fr) B Trouble 113.
BRITISH PLACINGS: 14, Jade, L Woodell 87.75; 17, Fever, D Diehl 64; 19, Constance of Leamington, C Martin 47; 20 Sidewinder, J Oswald 32.5.

SWIMMING

Moffet puts his rival and the world in place

Indianapolis (Reuter) – John Moffet smashed the 100 metres breaststroke world record on Monday with a time of 1 min 02.13 sec on the opening day of the United States Olympic trials. Moffet, aged 19, defeated Steve Lundquist, a former world record holder, who came in second with 1 min 02.16 sec. Lundquist set the previous record of 1 min 02.28 sec in last year's Pan-American Games in Caracas.

The top two in each event qualify for the US team at the Los Angeles Olympics. The six-day meeting on the campus of Indiana-Purdue University concludes on Saturday.

Mike Heath, the national champion, set an American record in winning the 200-metres freestyle in 1 min 47.92 sec breaking the national record of 1 min 48.58 sec he set in the morning preliminaries. Jeff Float was runner-up in 1 min 49.70 sec.

Tracy Caulkins captured the women's 400 metres individual medley in 4 min 41.72 sec and is due to swim in five other events. Sue Heon also qualified for the medley.

MEN: (first two qualify): 100m breaststroke: J Moffet, 1min 02.13 sec (world record); 2, S Lundquist, 1: 02.16. 200m freestyle: 1, Mike Heath, 1min 47.92sec (US record); 2, Jeff Float, 1.49 70.
WOMEN: (first two qualify): 100m freestyle: 1, N Hogshead, 56 0? sec; 2, C Steinseifer, 56.18. 4x100m individual medley: 1, T Caulkins, 4:41.72; 2, S Heon 4.46 37

BADMINTON

World Cup call for nine English players

By Richard Eaton

Nine English players have been invited to play in the World Cup in Jakarta next September. The selection follows England's best ever performance in the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup, where they took silver and bronze medals respectively.

Steve Butler, who won four of his five matches, including one against the world champion, Icuk Sugiarto, is one of three men's singles players invited, but Sally Podger, whose win at No 2 was crucial in England's Uber Cup semi-final win against South Korea, is not one of the three women's singles players.

Martin Dew and Gillian Gilks will be favourites to retain the mixed doubles title

ENGLAND INVITEES: Men's singles: S Baddeley, N Yates, S Butler. Women's singles: Miss H Troke, Mrs K Beckman, Miss J Webster. Men's doubles: Baddeley and M Dew. Women's doubles: Miss Webster and Mrs N Perry; Mrs Beckman and Mrs G Gilks; Miss Troke and Miss D Kjaer (Den). Mixed doubles: Dew and Mrs Gilks; T Kihlström (Swe) and Mrs Perry; S Fladberg (Den) and Mrs Beckman.

RUGBY UNION

Doubling their money

Substantial increases in gate money and commercial activities enabled the Rugby Union (RFU) to more than double their 1983 profit during the year ending April 30, 1984.

The retiring treasurer, Alan Grimsdell, reported a surplus after tax of £420,913, as against £200,625 in 1982–83, thanks to takings of £1.13m from the three Twickenham internationals against New Zealand, Ireland and Wales, television income of over £156,000, and a first year income of £23,000 from the Rose Room banqueting suite.

Income from the marketing of executive boxes in the new South Stand went up from £450,000 to over £492,000.

The RFU still have a bank overdraft of £828,000, incurred during the £5m reconstruction of the south terrace, but they are negotiating with the Inland Revenue to determine the amount of capital allowance they will be permitted.

A full-time financial controller is to take over at Twickenham next month and the RFU are about to computerize their accounting system.

The Union's annual general meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel on July 6 when the Yorkshire County Union, seconded by the Otley Club, will try to prevent the formation of a national merit table for selected senior clubs.

Violence mars tour adieu

Pukekohe, New Zealand (Agencies) – France completed their tour of New Zealand with a bad-tempered 33-24 win over the provincial side, Counties, here yesterday.

Violent play was evident, as both sides disputed the decisions of Tom Doocey, the referee. At one stage he was shoved in the back by Pierre Berbizier, France's scrum half, after a controversial Counties try – one of eight tries in the game.

In the second half, Philippe Sella, the French centre, was taken to hospital with a fractured cheekbone suffered in a head-on collision with Serge Blanco, his team colleague. Blanco needed four stitches in a head wound.

VOLLEYBALL

Bemi need new home if they are to survive

By Paul Harrison

The Bristol Bemi club face closure as a result of the determination of the English Volleyball Association to raise standards at English league matches. Bemi, who are based in a school sports hall, have been told to find a new venue and an alternative offered by the local council has also proved unacceptable to the league.

Unless Bemi can find a suitable venue by July 1 they will cease to exist: there would be no point in dropping into the second division of the restyled league, sponsored by Britvic, as they would not be eligible for promotion. Ironically, Bemi are one of the few teams in recent years to get into the first division and stay there. Most promoted clubs go straight back down.

Closure would leave Bristol without a main volleyball team. Speedwell Rucanor, former champions and cup holders, are a Bristol team, but have had to move out of the city to find a suitable venue. They play in Bath.

RACING: PIGGOTT CAN TRIUMPH ON TWO OLD FAVOURITES AT KEMPTON PARK TONIGHT

Safka should be quick off the mark to confirm rich promise

By Mandarin

Fulke Johnson Houghton's team have started to blossom in recent weeks and the Blewbury tainer could provide the best bet of the day on a tricky-looking card at Salisbury with the Aga Khan's two-year-old, Safka (nap), who runs in the Klix Drinks Maiden Fillies Stakes.

The daughter of Irish River showed immense potential on her debut at York 12 days ago when runner-up to the more experienced Indian Flower over today's distance of five furlongs. Safka dwelt in the stalls and gave her rivals several lengths start, but she finished to such purpose that she was only a length behind the winner at the line. Admittedly Indian Flower was eased by Piggott when it was clear that she had her race won, but that was still a fine first effort against a rival who is extremely highly regarded by her trainer.

Two obvious dangers to Safka are Kiri, trained by Peter Walwyn and Nuit de'Eté, from Dick Hern's stable. They finished a close third and fourth – separated by only a head – to Devon Defender over today's course and distance earlier this month. Nuit d'Eté, who started favourite, had the benefit of a previous run, whereas Kiri was having her first experience of racing in public. With the weights the same today, it is reasonable to assume therefore that Kiri should confirm the form.

Hern has a fine record over the Wiltshire course and took last year's Bunbury Cup with Sea Raider, who carried 9st 7lb to victory. Hern's representative today is the Chester winner, Straight Man, a lightly-raced colt who seems sure to give a good account of himself.

However, it may pay to side with the top weight again this year, the horse in question being Get The Message, who was once regarded as a possible classic contender by Paul Cole, his trainer. Get the Message faded into fifth place behind Electrical Wind in a competitive event at York recently and there was no obvious excuse for that disappointment.

However, it is always worth forgiving a horse one bad run and Get The Message's previous run in the Lingfield Park Derby Trial clearly shows that he ran below form at York. In the Lingfield race Get The Message, conceeding 5lb, had edged Bye Bye Birdie out of second place behind the easy winner, Alphabatim, and Bye Bye Birdie finished only a short-head behind Electrical Wind when second in that York race. Before York Get The Message had broken the course record at Brighton when he beat last week's Royal Ascot winner, Rough Pearl, by two lengths.

The one Get The Message may find more troublesome then Straight Man is the Walwyn representative, Sweet Soprano, who was a convincing winner of a competitive event at Newbury a fortnight ago. In receipt of almost two stone, Sweet Sorpano could give Cole's colt plenty to think about.

Les Cottrell's small West Country stable has been plundering some nice prizes recently, Manchesterskytrain being the latest stable inmate to do so at Brighton yesterday. Cottrell could strike again this afternoon with **Tepelini**, who can follow up his unlucky fourth to My Tony at Sandown Park by taking the Herbert and Gwen Blagrave Memorial Handicap.

The best prospects at Ripon, today's other afternoon meeting, appear to be **Colonial Caress** (5.0) and **Hotkole** (5.30). Colonial Caress finished well on is debut to take third place behind Sea Falcon at Doncaster last month and as the winner has gone on to triumph at Royal Ascot the merit of the form is obvious. Hotkole battled most bravely to hold Malibu Beach at Thirsk – his second win from three starts

The feature at tonight's sponsored meeting at Kempton Park is the valuable Racal-Vodafone Handicap, in which Bedtine reappears under top-weight of 9st 11lb before trying to repeat last year's success in the Magnet Cup at York. Bedtime went from strength last year with four wins from five starts and Hern has him in good condition for tonight's test.

However, good though he undoubtedly is, it must be doubtful whether he can concede 15lb to **Basil Boy**, who has looked better than ever in recent weeks, following victories at Doncaster and Epsom with a fine third to Hawkley in the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot. On Epsom form Basil Boy has the clear beating of another of today's rivals, My Tony.

Piggott, who renews his Ascot association with Basil Boy should also win the H S Persee Memorial Stakes on another old favourite, **Popsi's Joy**. The amazing nine-year-old showed that he is far from being a back number when he took third place behind Kayudee in last week's Ascot Handicap.


Basil Boy, Mandarin's selection for tonight's 7.15 race at Kempton Park

Derby declarations

The classic-winning colts, Secreto, El Gran Señor and Darshaan were among the 11 declared at the four-day stage yesterday for Saturday's Joe McGrath Irish Sweeps Derby at The Curragh. The eleven possibles are: Dahar (A Lequeux), Darshaan (L Piggott), El Gran Señor (Pat Eddery), Inflation Beater (M J Kinane), Long Pond (W Swinburn), March Song (S Craine), Nino Volador (D Gillespie), Rainbow Quest (Steve Cauthen), Sadler's Wells (–), Secreto (C Roche), Telios (G Baxter).

McHargue makes no mistake this time

Darrel McHargue, the American jockey, and Britain's leading girl rider, Gay Kelleway erased unhappy Brighton memories by riding winners at the seaside course today.

McHargue, criticised by the local stewards last month after losing a race because "his style of riding was unsuited to undulating tracks," negotiated the Brighton switchback sweetly enough on Royal Lorna in the Lewes Stakes.

The bemused Oklahoma rider, who joined Luca Cumani, Royal Lorna's trainer, this season, had been taken into the stewards' room on that occasion and shown his performance on video. McHargue, who had never ridden on hilly courses before coming here, was subsequently fined £100 for "injudicious riding" on the Epsom slopes on Oaks.

This time, wearing the maroon and white colours of Shaikh Mohammed, the smiling American said: "It's amazing what it's like when you've got a horse under you". McHargue sent Royal Lorna, who cost $240,000 as a yearling, into the lead a furlong out and they went on to win by two and a half lengths.

Gay Kelleway had the pleasure of out-manoeuvring Willie Carson, the champion jockey, when she brought Aberfield home half a length clear of Voracity in the Operatic Challenge Cup.

It was Miss Kelleway's victory at Brighton on Gilt Star last August that sparked off a Jockey Club Inquiry into her correct apprentice claim. The result of that official enquiry was the disqualification of four of her winners because she had claimed 7lb and not 5lb. Aberfield was her fourth success this season and her 24th in all.

Miss Kelleway slipped the field with five furlongs left yesterday. Well ahead at the bottom of the hill, Aberfield kept going splendidly on the climb up to the post and all Carson's driving could not save the day for the odds-on Voracity.

"She bought Aberfield, "does" the horse at home and does what she's told in the race." Paul Kelleway, her father said.

SALISBURY

GOING: good to firm.
Draw 5f 8f, high numbers best.

2.15 SHREWTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o colts & geldings: £1,707: 7f) (19 runners)

102 ALMUHAANRAD (S Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 ....A Murray 16
108 GEPARD (C Elliot) C Brittain 9-0 ....P Robinson 13
109 GREAT SYMPHONY (R Kirstein) J Dunlop 9-0 ....T Ives 10
110 GREAT TEY (D Cock) R Hannon 9-0 ....A McGlone 12
113 JETLAG (Shaikh Mohammed) W Hern 9-0 ....B Procter 4
114 0 KAVAKA (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0 ....R Wernham 2
117 0000 MATCHSTICK MAN (B Boardman) H Beasley 9-0 ....R Cochrane 9
118 00 MOSS EMPIRE (Mrs H Beaufort) R Hannon 9-0 ....P Cook 6
119 NARBOROUGH (S Niarchos) G Harwood 9-0 ....A Clark 3
121 0 PRINCE GEORGETOWN (W Ponsonby) P Cole 9-0 ....T Quinn 7
122 00 PROMISES ARE FREE (P Savill) M Pipe 9-0 .... – 5
123 ROARK (R McCreery) W Hern 9-0 ....W Carson 1
126 SIRTAKI (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 9-0 ....B Rouse 17
129 00 TELEMAHOS (Dunpanel Ltd) D Arbuthnot 9-0 ....T J Williams 7 14
131 TROJAN GOD (Bridge Book Co) P Mitchell 9-0 .... – 8
132 00 VAGUE MELODY (E Clapton) G Balding 9-0 ....B Raymond 11
133 VIOLADO (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 ....G Starkey 11
134 0 WHAT A LINE (Mrs P Shaw) B Hills 9-0 ....S Cauthen 19
135 WOLLOW BAY (O Trappitt) C Wildman 9-0 ....J Reid 15
1983: Div I: Elegant Air 9-0 J Matthias (6-4 fav) I Balding 12 ran.

7-2 Almuhaannad, 4 Roark, 9-2 Jetlag, 5 Violado, 8 Sirtaki, 9 What A Line, 10 Narborough, 16 others

Salisbury selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Violado. 2.45 Tepeleni. 3.15 Get The Message. 3.45 SAFKA (Nap). 4.15 Imperial Salute. 4.45 Hajes.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Almuhaannad. 3.15 Brian's Boy. 4.15 Imperial Salute. 4.45 Very Seldom.

2.45 HERBERT AND GWEN BLAGRAVE MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,132: 1m 2f) (5)

206 0000 FIRST QUADRANT (A Richards) D Hanley 6-9-7 ....B Rouse 4
207 100-000 MAINTOP (D) (M Wyatt) M Smyly 7-9-0 ....T Ives 3
209 000020 BERTHA (D) (M Berger) R Baker 4-8-9 ....W Carson 1
211 40-0021 MUSIC CITY (B) (D) (S Malles) J Bradley 6-8-5 (4 ex) ....R Fox 5
213 00-0004 TEPELENI (B) (R Payne) L Cottrell 4-7-10 ....R Street 2
1983: Free Press 4-9-5 J H Brown (7-4 fav) I Balding 6 ran.

11-4 Music City 3 Mainstroop, 4 First Quadrant, 9-2 Berth, 8 Tepeleni.

FORM: FIRST QUADRANT (9-12) out of first 10 behind Gunner's Belle (9-3) at Leicester (1m 2f, £2,158, Good to firm June 11 17 ran). MAINTOP (9-4) just over 7l 8th of 12 to The Friend (8-13) at Leicester (1m 4f, £2,733 Good to firm, June 11). BERTHA (9-1) out of first 10 behind Nashaab (9-5) at Warwick (1m 2.5f, £416, Good to firm, June 9 15 ran). MUSIC CITY (8-9) beat Majestic Star (9-4) 1l at Lingfield (1m 2f, £1,958 Good to firm June 12, 14 ran. TEPELENI (7-7) 5l 4th of 12 to My Tony (9-1) at Sandown (1m 2f, £3,086 Good to firm, June 15). Selection: MAINTOP

3 15 BIBURYCUP (handicap: 3-y-o: £3,324: 1m 4f) (11)

301 03-0120 GET THE MESSAGE (F Salman) P Cole 9-7 ....T Quinn 10
302 00-21 STRAIGHT MAN (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-13 ....W Carson 3
303 33-1000 LITTLE NIECE (CD) (J Haverhals) J Dunlop 8-11 ....B Rouse 4
304 0-00310 HOUSE HUNTER (D Humphreys) C Horgan 8-8 ....T Ives 2
305 110-000 MILDRED (W Allen) D Sasse 8-5 ....R Cochrane 1
307 1-403 OUR ISLAND STORY (C) (Mrs G Houghgton) R Johnson Houghton 8-1 ....R Fox 9
308 04-223 ELIASO (Elsha Holding) G Lewis 7-13 ....M L Thomas 5
309 40-3010 CROWN EAGLE (D) (A Bingley) D Elsworth 7-11 ....A McGlone 6
310 01-3421 SWEET SOPRANO (B) (L Freedman) P Walwyn 7-8 (4 ex) ....B Crossley 11
311 03-33 FISHPOND (A Simpson) R Holder 7-7 ....R Street 8
314 040-000 BRIANS BOY (B) (J James) W Guest 7-7 ....P Robinson 7
1983: Sea Raider 9-7 W Carson (6-1) W Hern 5 ran.

7-4 Straight Man 4 Get The Message, 5 Sweet Soprano, 13-2 Crown Eagle, 8 Our Island Story, 10 Little Niece, House Hunter, 14 others.

3.15 FORM: GET THE MESSAGE (8-11) Just Over 9 1/2l 5th of 7 to Electrical Wind (8-7) at York (1m 2.5f £8,259, good to firm, June 16) STRAIGHT MAN (8-12) eased before finish when beating Chaumiere (8-12) a hed at Chester (1m 2f, £3,454, good to firm, May 8). LITTLE NIECE (9-7) Just Over 10 5th of 9 to SWEET SOPRANO (7-12) at Newbury (1m 3f, £3,169, good to firm June 14), with HOUSE HUNTER (9-1) further 1 1/2l away 8th. OUR ISLAND STORY (9-2) Just Over 4l 3rd of 11 to Van Dyke Brown (9-8) at Lingfield (1m 4f, £1,833, good to firm, June 12). ELIASO (8-1) 4l 3rd of 6 to Wylfa (8-5) at Sandown (1m 2f, £6,264, good to firm, June 16). CROWN EAGLE (9-3) weakened 2f out when 8th of 12 to Harlym Bay (7-12) at Haydock (2m, £3,027, good to firm, June 9).
Selection: SET THE MESSAGE.

3 45 WEYHILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,640: 5f) (15)

401 BEAUGESTIC (R Overall) C James 8-11 ....R Fox 7
405 DANAE (Mrs C Ryan) J Dunlop 8-11 ....T Quinn 5
406 DUST TAMER (M Alamuddin) P Cole 8-11 .... – 15
407 EDONIA (A Richards) C Austin 8-11 ....T Rogers 4
411 3 KIRI (Ld H de Walden) P Walwyn 8-11 ....J Mercer 8
412 03 LA SIGNORINA SILCA (E Aldridge & Son) D Elsworth 8-11 ....B Rouse 12
413 LA TUERTA (Mrs R Kennard) W Wightman 8-11 ....G Starkey 3
414 LIFFEY ROSE (Mrs A Lang) R Hannon 8-11 ....A McGlone 14
417 0 MAYUMI (J Watson) M McCourt 8-11 ....R Wernham 6
418 04 MILETRIANS LASS (G Dawes) P Ashworth 8-11 .... – 9
421 04 NUIT D'ETE (BF) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-11 ....W Carson 1
423 03 RALEIGH GAZELLE (T Grimes) C Wildman 8-11 ....R Hills 10
424 REST AND WELCOME (Lady T Agnew) G Balding 8-11 ....B Raymond 13
425 2 SAFKA (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 ....S Cauthen 2
426 SEVEN COINS (R Curtis) M McCormack 8-11 ....R Cochrane 11
1983: Welsh Rosary 8-11 G Starkey (5-2 fav) R Smyth 16 ran.

11-10 Safka 4 Kiri, 5 Nuit D'ete, 13-2 Danae, 9 Signorina Silca, 10 Raleigh Gazelle, 16 others

FORM: KIRI (8-11) neck and head 3rd to Devon Defender (8-11) NUIT D'ETE (8-11) 4th beaten 1/2l and MAYUMI (8-11) out of first 10 here over course and distance (5f, £1,757, good to soft, June 5, 21 ran) LA SIGNORINA SILCA (8-11) 6l 3rd to Miss Loving (8-11) at Sandown (5f, £2,922, good to firm, June 15, 6 ran) RALEIGH GAZELLE (8-8) 4l 3rd to lucky winner Ninattash (8-4) at Bath (5f, £3,501, firm, June 16, 4 ran). SAFKA (8-0) left in stalls, 1l 2nd to Indian Flower (8-8) at York (5f), £3,271, good to firm, June 15, 7 ran).
Selection: SAFKA.

4.15 PEMBROKE STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £1,255: 1m) (13)

503 00-00 CARO WOOD (J Woodbridge) M Haynes 9-0 ....G Starkey 10
504 0 COLDHARBOUR LAD (E Beaver) C Benstead 9-0 ....P Cook 9
505 0-0302 FALKLANDS RULER (W Ponsonby) P Cole 9-0 ....T Quinn 3
507 00 FORWARD MARCH (Mrs W McAlpine) R Smyth 9-0 ....S Whitworth 5 4
508 00-00 HAMPTON WALK (G Curzon) J Holt 9-0 ....P Waldron 12
509 3300-24 IMPERIAL SALUTE (B) (Lord McAlpine) H Thomson Jones 9-0 ....A Murray 11
512 0000-0 NOBLE MOUNT (L Tarrant) G Pritchard Gordon 9-0 ....R Cochrane 2
513 PETIT PAIN (L Sainer) P Walwyn 9-0 ....J Mercer 8
517 3223- ASCOT STRIKE (Shaikh Mohammed) W Hern 8-11 ....W Carson 1
519 ESNA (G Varian) J Dunlop 8-11 ....N Dawe 5 12
521 420 MANADINA (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-11 ....P Robinson 5
526 0 TRIP TO HEAVEN (Mrs H Collins) C Wildman 8-11 ....R Hills 7
527 00000-0 VICEROY LASS (B) (F Broom) R Hannon 8-11 ....P Bloomfield 5 6
1983: Silk Sash 9-0 W Carson (9-2) W Hern 16 ran.

11-4 Falklands Ruler, 100-30 Imperial Salute, 4 Ascot Strike, 6 Esna, 13-2 Manadina, 10 Petit Pain, 12 Noble Mount, 16 others.

COLDHARBOUR LAD (8-8) 9th of 21 to Young Nicholas (Windsor 1m 2f, £779, good, June 18) FALKLANDS RULER (9-0) not quicken close home, 1/2l 2nd of 12 to Hometown (9-0) (Haydock 8f, £2,080, good to firm, June 8) IMPERIAL SALUTE (8-1) kept on same pace, 3 1/2l 4th of 18 to Portlaw (8-8) (Salisbury 8f, £3,724, good to soft, June 5). ASCOT STRIKE (8-6) 2 1/2l 3rd of 7 to Sassagrass (8-12) (Newmarket 8f, £3,178, good to firm, Oct 28). MANADINA (8-11) 9l 7th of 17 to One Way Street (8-11) (York 8f, £8,714, good to firm, June 16.
Selection: ASCOT STRIKE.

4.45 PEMBROKE STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £1,238: 1m) (10)

601 01 HAJES (D) (Yazid & Ahmed Ltd) J Dunlop 9-8 ....W Carson 7
606 0000 BULAWAYO PRINCE (Lady Clague) C Benstead 9-0 ....P Cook 4
607 0000- DERBY DAY (Mrs R Kennard) W Wightman 9-0 ....B Taylor 8
608 2-00 DOUBLETON (P McCalmont) P Walwyn 9-0 ....J Mercer 1
609 0 GOLD SAINT (R Forrester) G Balding 9-0 ....J Williams 10
610 0 GOURTIONIST (Marshall Racing) G Harwood 9-0 ....G Starkey 6
611 000- HATES TERRES (Mrs A Swift) A Moore 9-0 ....T Rogers 3
615 0- SIRHANN (Prince Faisal) G Harwood 9-0 ....A Clark 9
622 00000- SILVER EMPRESS (B Pearl) D Elsworth 8-11 .... – 5
624 VERY SELDOM (Lord McAlpine) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ....A Murray 2
1983: Tetron Bay 9-0 W Carson (7-2) R Hannon 16 ran.

Evens Hajes, 100-30 Doubleton, 4 Sirhann, 5 Gourtionist, 12 Very Seldom, 14 others.

4.45 Form: HAJES (9-0) led 2 out ran on well, beat Mohssen (9-0) with GOURTIONIST [illegible] [illegible] DOUBLETON [illegible] SIRHANN [illegible]
Selection: HAJES.

Brighton results

Going: firm
2.0 (5f 66yd) 1, LONGSTOP (W Carson, 11-4); 2, Downsview (T Rogers, 20-1); 3, Deliver The Goods (B Rouse, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Gladius, 9-2 Fort Duchesne (5th), Our Nautilus (4th), 33 Attain (6th). 7 ran. 3/4l, 1 1/2l, 2 1/2l, 1l, 5l. P Makin at Marlborough. TOTE: £2.90; £2.10, £3.20. DF: £18.60. CSF: £14.19. Stewards inquiry, result stands.

2.30 (1m 2f) ROYAL LORNA (S McHargue, 10-11 fav); 2, Woodway (W Carson, 5-2); 3, Maissan (N Howe, (3-1). ALSO RAN: 50 Surge (4th), 66 Hard Oak (5th). 5 ran. 2 1/2l, 1l, 20l, 2l. L Cumani at Newmarket. TOTE: £1.90; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.40.

3.0 (1m 4f) 1, ABERFIELD (Gay Kelleway, 3-1); 2, Voracity (W Carson, 4-5 fav); 3, Madame Flutterbye (M L Thomas, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 40 B Jaski (4th), 100 Worth Avenue (5th). 5 ran. 1/2l, 12l, 25l, 8. P Kelleway at Newmarket. TOTE: £3.50; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.38.

3.30 (1m) 1, SPRING PURSUIT (T Quinn, 7-2 fav); 2, Burgundy Star (P Cook, 7-1); 3, Forge Close (R Cochrane, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Sea Miracle (5th), 9 Battle Master, 10 Lidadora (4th), Daring Prank, I Appeal (6th), 12 Kalamoti, Sideland, 16 Johnny Some Body, 20 Daring Ella, Dubrea, 33 Barnaby Grande, Ragason, Wheelwrights Lady, Sioux Princess. 17 ran. 4l, 2l, 1 1/2l, 1 1/2l, nk. P Cole at Lambourn. TOTE: £4.10, £1.40, £3.00, £2.70. DF: £31.90. CSF: £30.02. Brought in 1,950 gns.

4.00 (7f) 1, MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN (R Street, 11-2); 2, Some Sunny Day (B Rouse, (9-1); 3, Cheda Gamble (P Cook, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Mr Rose (4th), 6 Free Range, 15-2 Hopeful Waters, 8 Landseer, 11 No Contest (5th), 12 Rawlinson End (6th), 20 Close To You, Kassak, 25 Steel Pass, 50 Uncle Dai. 13 ran. sh hd, 1/2l, hd, 3/4l, 1/2l. L Cottrell at Cullompton. TOTE: £4.90, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £51.70. CSF: £49.54. TRICAST: £521.03.

4.30 (5f & 66yds) 1, GODSTRUTH (R Hills, 15-8 fav); 2, Braemar Road (D McKay 14-1); 3, My Louie (J Reid, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Tender Trader (4th), 11-2 Fleur de Lyphard, 9 Wow Wee Woo, 16 Bonne Baiser, Byroc Boy, 20 Captiva (6th), Puente Romeno, Tymapail, 25 Temple Bar Maid, 33 Press Baron (5th), 50 No Ink. 14 ran. 3/4l, 1/2l, 1 1/2l, 1/2l, 2l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. TOTE: £2.20, £1.50, £2.90, £2.70. DF: £16.90. CSF: £31.02. PLACEPOT: £12.00. TRICAST: £241.58.

Pontefract

2.45 (8f) 1, VERNAIR (A Shoults, 9-4 fav); 2, Lednathie (A Hutchins, 6-1); 3, Lucky Engagement (W Rimmer, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Gunner Girl (4th), 11-2 Pendona, 9 Fifty Quid Short (6th), 16 Nieka, 20 Cloistered, Superb Princess, 25 Jonddao, Markham Girl, Purple Song (5th). 12 ran. 1/2l, 3l, 1/2l, 5l, 1l. J Hindley at Newmarket. TOTE: £2.70; £1.20, £2.00, £4.40. DF: £8.10. CSF: £16.56.

3.15 (1m) 1, BIT OF A STATE (D Nicholls, 7-1); 2, Kelly Bay (T Williams, 8-1); 2, Dassels (B Raymond, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Fleetwood Girl, 6 Gold Toby (5th), 7 High Rated (4th), 14 Montana Dawn, 20 Mr Chicham (6th). 8 ran. 2l, 8l 3/4l, 4, 1 1/2l. S Wiles at Wakefield. TOTE: £8.00; £1.70, £1.40, 1.80. DF: £23.10. CSF: £47.05. Was bought in 1,750gns.

3.45 (1m) 1, COLLEGIAN (B Raymond, 7-1); 2, All Fair (K Darley, 4-1); 3, No Reproach (S Cauthen, 4-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Little Egret (4th), 20 Try Tiffany (6th), 25 Culminate (5th). 6 ran. Hd, 3/4l, 6l, 2 1/2l, 3/4l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. TOTE: £7.70; £2.70, £1.90. CSF: £32.45.

4 15 (6f) 1, STAMPING GROUND (T Ives, 3-1 jt fav); 2, Runager (O Gray, 20-1); 3, Bollin Knight (K Hodgson, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt fav King's Legend (5th), 5 Inishpour, 13-2 Mrs Chris (4th) 8 Dakr, 10 Royal Octave, 14 Mister Meanor, Turffontein. 11 ran. NR: Cornwall 1/2l, 1, 1l, 5l, 1l, 1 1/2l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. TOTE: £3.40; £1.20, £3.90, £13.50. DF: £13.20. CSF: £57.19. Royal Octave, finished 4th, disq., failed to weigh

4.45 (2m 2f) 1, HOODWINK (J Mercer, 10-1); 2, Champagne Charlie (T Williams, 12-1); 3, Beata (W Ryan, 5-2 jt fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt fav Bellamuse (4th), 7 Jacinto Times (6th), 10 Courtfield, Val Climber (5th), 12 Mossy Bell, 14 Hyde, 20 Indian Moonshine. 10 ran. 1l, 1 1/2l, 3/4l, 3/4l, 10l. N Vigors at Lambourn. TOTE: £9.40; £2.30, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £80.80. CSF: £112.03. TRICAST: £360.18.

5.15 (5f) 1, LOVE IN SPRING (P Young, 8-1); 2, Be Lyrical (G Duffield, 9-1); 3, Sharika (W R Swinburn, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 2 Daring Miss, 12 Bold Way, 33 Delta Wind, Pokeys Pet, 100 Absanne, Midnight Sky. 9 ran. NR: Nedron, 4l, 3l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. TOTE: £10.70; £3.20, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £44.20. CSF: £67.46.

5.45 (1m 2f) 1, COALEE QUEEN (S Cauthen, 11-10 fav); 2, Petter (T Ives, 8-1); 3, Nearly A Nose (J Mercer, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Village Postman (4th), 16 Bahoshah, 20 Traffiandl, 33 With A Lot, 100 Miss Goldingay. 8 ran. 3l, 1 1/2l. B Hills at Lambourn. TOTE: £1.70; £1.10, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £8.90. CSF: £9.98.
PLACEPOT: £35.05.

July Cup acceptors

JULY CUP (Group 1) (6f): Al Mamoon Alpine Strings, Argosy, Celestial Dancer, Chapel Cottage, Chief Singer, Committed, Defecting Dancer, Forzando, Gabitat, Godstone, Habibti, Hay Street, Keep Tapping, Never So Bold, Novello, Observatory, Pampas, Petorius, Princess Tracy, Procida, Quexion, Reesh, Sicyos, Superlative, Tranchard, Welsh Idol and Yellow Domino. (To be run Newmarket, Thursday, July 12)

Blinkered first time

SALISBURY: 4.15 Viceroy Lass.
RIPON: 3.30 Life Guard; 4.30 Simple Melody.

Course specialists

SALISBURY
TRAINERS: G Harwood 37 winners from 157 runners, 23.5% W Hern 23 from 102, 22.5%; P Walwyn 17 from 149, 11.4%.
JOCKEYS: S Cauthen 15 winners from 104 mounts, 14.4%; R Fox 16 from 172, 9.3%; B Rouse 17 from 214, 7.9%.

KEMPTON
TRAINERS: J Dunlop 18 winners from 125 runners, 14.4%; H Cecil 16 from 52, 30.8%; B Hills 8 from 51, 15.7%.
JOCKEYS: W Carson 27 winners from 165 mounts, 16.4%; S Cauthen 18 from 101, 17.8%; J Mercer 18 from 159, 11.3%.

RIPON
TRAINERS: M W Easterby [illegible]
JOCKEYS: [illegible]

KEMPTON PARK

GOING: good to firm
DRAW: 7f, 8f, high numbers best
TOTE Double 7.15, 8.15. Treble 6.45, 7.45, 8.45.

6.15 ST MARGARET'S FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £2,004: 7f) (12 runners)

3 2-00 BALEARICA (BF) M Stoute 8-8 ....W R Swinburn 1
7 22-04 CODA B Hobbs 8-8 ....G Baxter 6
9 0044 CONFETTI COPSE P Walwyn 8-8 ....J Johnson 11
10 COUPON CLIPPER S Mellor 8-8 ....M Wigham 5
11 EDGE OF TOWN R Johnson Houghton 8-8 ....J Reid 3
12 02 EXUBERINE (BF) G Hunter 8-8 ....T Ives 4
13 0-000 FORMIDO C Benstead 8-8 ....B Rouse 7
15 GREYWACKE M Tompkins 8-8 ....R Curant 8
18 00- MISS HAMILTON Pat Mitchell 8-8 ....R Cochrane 9
21 0 NORTH QUEEN G Lewis 8-8 ....L Thomas 2
22 3042- PLAITS R Armstrong 8-8 ....G Sexton 10
27 0000 THIRD MOVEMENT C Brittain 8-8 ....P Robinson 12
1983: No corresponding meeting.

7-4 Exuberine, 100-30 Coda, 5 Balearica, 7 Confetti Copse, 8 Plaits, 12 Third Movement, 16 others.

Kempton selections

By Mandarin
6.16 Coda. 6.45 Vertige. 7.15 Basil Boy. 7.45 Swinging Rebel. 8.15 Kinski. 8.45 Mandrake Belle. 9.15 Popsi's Joy.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
6.15 Balearica. 6.45 Vertige. 7.45 Pallavicina. 8.15 Art Edict. 8.45 Yallah. 9.15 Aberfield.
Michael Seely's selection: 8.45 Yallah.

6.45 RACAL DATA MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £3,617: 6f) (18)

1 AFRICAN STEAL W Musson 9-0 ....P Waldron 7
2 0 APRIL FOOL J Tree 9-0 ....S Cauthen 10
6 CLERMONT LANE M Smyly 9-0 ....R Curant 16
7 62 CROWN ESTATE (BF) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ....J Reid 6
8 00 ELDEEB C Benstead 9-0 ....B Rouse 18
10 FOREST GREEN J Dunlop 9-0 ....T Ives 3
15 00 KALYMOUR J O'Donoghue 9-0 ....R Fox 8
16 4 KAMPGLOW (B) D Thom 9-0 ....P Cook 14
17 0 KING'S JESTER R Hannon 9-0 ....A McGlone 9
18 LIGHTNING DEALER P Kelleway 9-0 ....L Piggott 17
21 MARIELITO R Hannon 9-0 ....R Wernham 4
24 NUMCHUEK J Dunlop 9-0 ....B Taylor 13
25 0 ONE WAY TICKET A Pitt 9-0 ....P Robinson 15
27 OUR LORD M Jarvis 9-0 ....B Raymond 2
29 0 PALMION P Walwyn 9-0 ....J Mercer 5
31 ROAD TO KELLS C Benstead 9-0 ....J Matthias 1
32 RUNNING FLUSH D Oughton 9-0 ....A Clark 11
39 VERTIGE H Cecil 9-0 ....W R Swinburn 12

5-2 Vertige, 3 Crown Estate, 9-2 Kampglow, 7 April Fool, 10 Our Lord, 12 Eldeeb, Palmion, 16 others.

7.15 RACAL-VODAFONE HANDICAP (£5,192: 1m 2f) (6)

1 1141- BEDTIME W Hern 4-9-11 ....W Carson 2
2 2113 BASIL BOY (D)(BF) R Hannon 5-8-10 ....L Piggott 3
3 1-040 KNOXVILLE B Hills 3-8-8 ....S Cauthen 6
4 2321 MY TONY (D) G Lewis 4-8-8 (7 ex) ....M L Thomas 4
5 020-0 VEN MATRERO (D) M E Francis 4-8-5 ....NON–RUNNER
8 0000 ALNOOD J Dunlop 5-7-12 ....R Fox 5

7-4 Basil Boy, 11-4 My Tony, 7-2 Bedtime, 5 Knoxville, 8 Alnood.

7.45 GEORGE BOON TRAINERS' INVITATION RACE (1m) (13)

1 0101 SWINGING REBEL (B)(C) N Vigors 6-12-4 ....R Champion 11
2 2210 SAFFRON POSER (D) J Berry 4-12-1 ....J Berry 13
3 00-10 SERIOUS BUSINESS R Simpson 4-12-1 ....R Simpson 6
5 0/0-00 BULANDSHAR D Jermy 5-11-12 ....D Jermy 12
7 0000 CHIEF SPEAKER (D) D Wilson 6-11-12 ....D A Wilson 10
9 00/00 HELLO SOLDIER C Williams 7-11-12 ....C Williams 8
10 0000 HOMEWARD Mrs N Smith 4-11-12 ....Mrs N Smith 7
11 0 IRISH PAGEANT J Bridger 10-11-12 ....J Bridger 4
14 4000- MAJOR ANTHONY M Salaman 4-11-12 ....M Salaman 3
15 0000 PALLAVICINA C Brittain 4-11-12 ....C Brittain 2
18 0-430 ROYAL REVENGE (B)(D) P Butler 5-11-12 ....P Butler 9
23 0040 WATER DRAGON E Witts 4-11-12 ....E Witts 5
24 WEBWOOD J Webber 4-11-12 ....Annabel King 1

11-10 Swinging Rebel, 9-2 Royal Revenge, 7 Pallavicina, 10 Water Dragon, 12 Serious Business, Chief Speaker, 16 others.

8.15 RACAL-DECCA STAKES (3-y-o: £1,979: 1m 3f 30yd) (8)

1 013 ART EDICT (BF) H Cecil 9-5 ....L Piggott 2
2 0-21 KINSKI J Tree 9-5 ....S Cauthen 5
3 2-301 LONGBOAT W Hern 9-5 ....W Carson 3
11 2303- RIDE THE SKIES O Douieb 9-0 ....A Lequeux 7
16 0- FINE ROMANCE I Balding 8-11 ....W R Swinburn 8
17 HAMPTON COURT M Jarvis 8-11 ....B Raymond 6
19 0 KEELEY LOUISE C Wildman 8-11 ....R Hills 4
20 00-0 LINTON VILLAGE J O'Donoghue 8-11 ....P O'Leary 1

11-8 Kinski, 9-4 Longboat, 9-2 Art Edict, 8 Ride The Skies.

8.45 RACAL RADIO HANDICAP (£2,477: 5f) (8)

3 4-434 YALLAH W O'Gorman 3-8-7 ....T Ives 1
4 0103 MANDRAKE BELLE (D) B Gubby 5-9-2 ....T Williams 5 5
6 3323 PENCHETTA (BF) C Williams 4-9-3 (5 ex) ....E Guest 5 8
7 3200 HEATHER CROFT (D) R Hannon 4-8-11 ....A McGlone 3
8 240-0 WILL GEORGE (B)(D) C Horgan 5-8-11 ....L Piggott 6
9 00-32 WOODFOLD J Winter 3-8-5 ....B Rouse 7
11 03-0 ETTA GIRL A Hide 3-8-2 ....W Carson 4
12 4300 YOU'RE SO VAIN H Beasley 3-8-0 ....D McKay 2

5-2 Mandrake Belle, 7-2 Will George, 4 Yallah, 5 Penchetta, 7 Heather Croft, 9 Woodfold, 12 others.

9.15 H S PERSSE MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,772: 2m) (5)

1 3300 ANOTHER SAM (D) R Hannon 7-9-10 ....A McGlone 1
3 33301 ABERFIELD (C) P Kelleway 7-8-12 (3lb ex) ....Gay Kelleway 5 5
4 3-403 POPSI'S JOY (D) M Haynes 9-8-6 ....L Piggott 4
5 32-20 FLEETING KNIGHT J Dunlop 4-8-3 ....W Carson 2
7 04-10 WONDER WOOD (D) R Holder 5-7-12 ....T Williams 5 3

13-8 Popsi's Joy, 5-2 Another Sam, 100-30 Aberfield, 6 Fleeting Knight, 12 Wonder Wood.

RIPON

GOING: Good to firm
Draw: 5f, 6f, low numbers best

2.30 JACK COLLING MEMORIAL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£925: 1m 1f) (13 runners)

1 4011 SWIFT PALM P Cundell 7-9-11 (4 ex) ....P Moss 5 11
3 0012 ELARIM (CD) (BF) T Fairhurst 5-9-5 (4 ex) ....C Coates 5 8
4 0000- HEAVENLY PRINCESS A Watson 4-9-2 ....S Horsfall 7
5 1/10-0 BLOW BY TOP R Holder 5-9-2 ....A Dicks 5 6
6 0004 KARNATAK J Spearing 3-9-2 ....W Haynes 5 9
7 0000 MISHA Capt J Wilson 4-9-2 ....Julie Bowker 5 10
8 000-0 GIBBON N Bycroft 8-9-0 ....M Richardson 5 2
9 24/00 LADY BOUNTY R Hollinshead 5-9-0 ....A Whitehall 5 4
11 200-4 CHROME MAG W Bentley 6-8-10 ....J Carroll 5 12
13 00/00- VITINGO D Yeoman 5-8-6 ....J Carr 5 13
14 0404 SOME JET C Crossley 6-8-7 .... – 3
15 0/030 WICKWELL A W Jones 11-8-5 ....Wendy Carter 5 11
16 0-000 BONFIRE D Sasse 3-8-5 ....J McLean 5 5
1983: Elarim 4-8-9 M Beecroft (25-1) T Fairhurst 20 ran

9-4 Swift Palm, 100-30 Elarim, 11-2 Karnatak, 7 Blow My Top, 8 Some Jet, Gibbon, 10 Wickwell, 12 others.

Ripon selections

By Mandarin
2.30 Swift Palm. 3.0 Princess Aura. 3.30 Balaash. 4.0 Chesty. 4.30 Royal Question. 5.0 Colonial Caress. 5.30 Hotkole.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.30 All Hell Let Loose. 4.0 Misty Halo. 5.0 The Leak.
By Michael Seely 4.30 High Eagle. 5.30 Hotkole.

3.0 DISHFORTH SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £1,373: 6f) (8)

1 CAERNARVON BOY R Hollinshead 8-11 ....S Perks 4
2 0020 FARLINGTON (B) M W Easterby 8-11 ....G Duffield 3
3 02 FREE GO M H Easterby 8-11 ....M Birch 2
4 1003 MALOWSKI (B) D Plant 8-11 ....B Coogan 5
5 00 MY DOMINION M H Easterby 8-11 ....K Hodgson 6
6 00 PANIOLO T Fairhurst 8-11 .... – 8
7 0042 PATH OVER THE MOOR (B) F Carr 8-11 ....J Carr 7 6
13 0323 PRINCESS AURA (B) (BF) C Tinkler 8-8 ....L Charnock 1
1983: Breeze Line 8-11 G Duffield (6-1) D Garraton 12 ran

5-2 Free Go, 7-2 Malowski, 5 Farlington, 15-2 My Dominion, Caernarvon Boy, 10 Paniolo, 14 Path Over The Moor, Princess Aura.

3.30 RIPON CITY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,069: 1m) (8)

1 1-404 ALL HELL LET LOOSE G Pritchard-Gordon 9-7 ....G Duffield 2
2 20-00 BENZ M H Easterby 9-6 ....M Birch 1
3 0-114 BALAASH (D) (BF) J Hindley 8-6 ....A Shoults 7 6
4 0-130 LIFE GUARD (B) J W Watts 8-4 ....B Thomson 8
5 4420 RABIRIUS W Bentley 8-3 ....M Wood 5
6 4011 LORD LUDO D Garraton 8-2 (5 ex) ....T Williams 5 3
8 2000 EURYCLEIA C Brittain 7-10 ....S P Griffiths 7
9 00-00 PEARL RUN C Crossley 7-7 .... – 4
1983: Flying Scotsman 8-6 S Perks (14-1) R Hollinshead 12 ran

2 Lord Ludo, 7-2 Balaash, 9-2 All Hell Let Loose, 7 Rabirius, 10 Life Guard, Benz, 16 Eurycleia, Pearl Run.

4.0 RIPON LADIES' DERBY (Lady amateurs: £861: 1m 4f) (11)

2 30 MAN ALIVE R Peacock 13-9-11 ....Carmen Peacock 3 9
4 2-121 MISTY HALO (D) M Prescott 5-9-8 ....Elain Mellor 10
5 0001 JOY OF MUSIC (B) P Rohan 4-8-7 ....Laura Rohan 3 2
6 000-0 PRINCE REVIEWER (CD) A W Jones 6-9-7 ....Diana Jones 7
7 033-2 CHESTY M Ryan 6-9-0 ....Lydia Pearce 4
9 000 NOT PAID P Felden 4-9-0 ....Julia Felden 3
10 REGENCY TAM N Callaghan 4-9-0 ....Amanda Gray 3 1
11 RURAL SCENE T Barron 5-9-0 ....Val Greaves 6
12 000-0 SPEEDO W Wharton 5-9-0 ....Gay Arber 11
13 0 GLENDYKE W Storey 5-8-11 .... – 5
14 3403 LINE ABREAST S Norton 5-8-11 ....Sandy Brook 3 8
1983: Prince Reviewer 5-9-1 Diana Jones (14-1) A Jones 12 ran

4-6 Misty Halo, 4 Chesty, 8 Prince Reviewer, 10 Joy Of Music, 12 Regency Tam, 16 Line Abreast, 20 others.

4.30 NORTHERN HANDICAP (£2,474: 6f) (16)

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10 010-0 AIRLING M H Easterby 3-9-0 ....K Hodgson 13
11 0-043 ROYAL QUESTION (D) T Barron 5-8-11 ....S Webster 10
12 0001 HIGH EAGLE (D) R Holder 4-8-11 (6 ex) ....G Duffield 4
14 0300 GENTLE STAR (D) K Ivory 5-8-6 ....J Lowe 6
16 3020 SIMPLE MELODY (B) J W Watts 3-8-5 ....B Thomson 12
17 0-000 IT'S HEAVEN J Etherington 4-8-4 .... – 8
18 0-000 OFF YOUR MARK (D) G Calvert 4-8-4 ....C Steers 7 5
20 0003 APRIL LUCKY (D) C Crossley 11-8-3 ....T Williams 5 15
22 2000 LOVING DOLL D Dale 4-7-13 ....M Miller 3
24 0000 RELATIVE EASE (C) D Chapman 13-7-11 ....S P Griffiths 7 9
25 40/04 BRIANS BRIDGE (CD) Miss L Siddall 5-7-8 ....N Carlisle 16
27 0000 CAPTAIN'S BIDD L Lightbrown 4-7-7 ....G Carter 7 1
1983: Burn Up 4-7-8 E Johnson (4-1) P Asquith 11 ran

7-4 High Eagle, 3 April Lucky, 11-2 Royal Question, Gentle Star, 8 Simple Melody, 10 Sharlie's Wimpy, 12 others.

5.0 MELMERBY MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £2,435: 6f) (17)

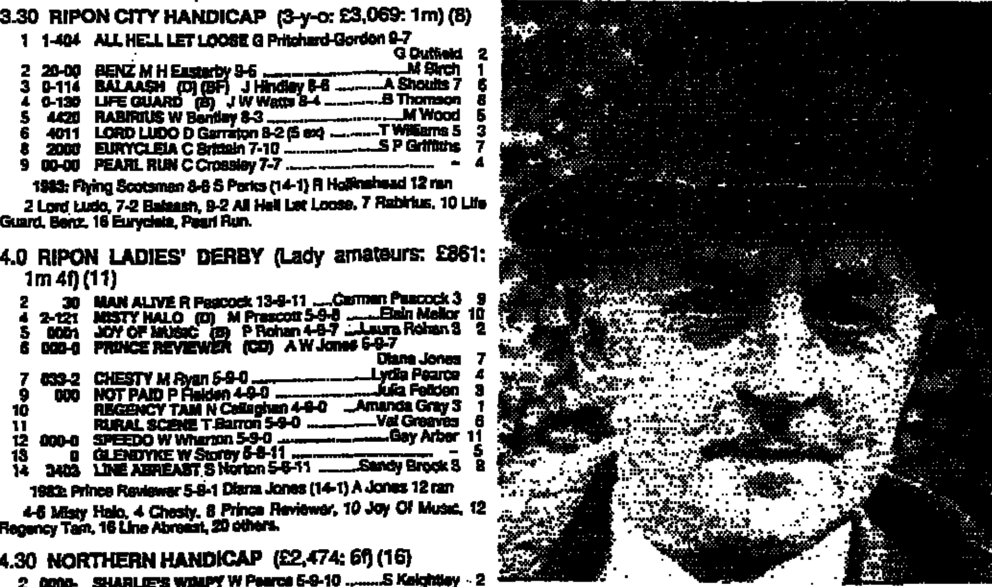
4 00 BUBSBOY M W Easterby 9-0 ....M Hindley 5 12
5 CAPAGENIE M Lambert 9-0 ....D Oldham 5
6 0 CHOR BAZAR M H Easterby 9-0 ....M Birch 2
8 3 COLONIAL CARESS M Camacho 9-0 ....E Hide 17
10 DENBOY D Garraton 9-0 ....B Coogan 6
11 0 DREYFUS D Sasse 9-0 ....D McKay 1
12 0 EMPTY CHEST G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ....G Duffield 3
13 FIRST LOT J W Watts 9-0 ....B Thomson 10
17 00 JAMES VINCENT Capt J Wilson 9-0 ....W Ryan 3 4
18 3432 KEPAGI W Wharton 9-0 ....W Wharton 7
19 MAJOR ROUGE J Berry 9-0 ....K Darley 18
20 00 MASTER JOHNY M E Francis 9-0 ....Paul Eddery 9
21 0000 PARIS TRADER M W Easterby 9-0 ....K Hodgson 8
22 304 SINGIDA J W Watts 9-0 ....N Connorton 13
23 04 THE LEAK F Durr 9-0 ....A Weiss 5 15
26 WHY TUMBLE R Hollinshead 9-0 ....S Perks 11
29 POLY DO D Chapman 8-11 ....D Nicholls 14
1983: Leilani 7-3 G Dickie (11-1) W Guest 18 ran

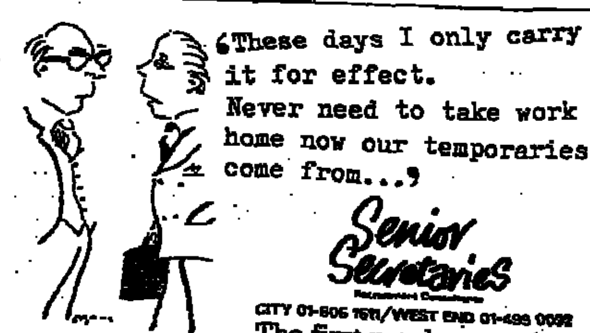
5-2 Colonial Caress, 3 Kepagi, Master Johnny, 11-2 The Leak, 8 Singida, 10 Empty Chest, 14 others.

5.30 WATH HANDICAP (£2,176: 1m 4f) (7)

3 040-0 MISS DIAWARD Miss S Hall 7-9-7 ....M Birch 2
5 3103 ARDOONY (BF) R Hollinshead 6-9-2 ....S Perks 5
7 0-121 HOTKOLE (CD) J W Watts 3-9-0 ....N Connorton 4
8 0000 NOUREEZ R Johnson Houghton 3-9-0 ....K Darley 3
9 000-0 EARL'S COURT (D) C Crossley 6-8-12 ....K Swaloe 7 6
11 0030 APPLE WINE (D) D Chapman 7-8-7 ....D Nicholls 7
13 23-00 SALLAMETTI W Bentley 8-7-10 ....N Carlisle 1
1983: Habus 5-7-10 Paul Eddery (33-1) M H Easterby 13 ran

9-4 Hotkole, 7-2 Noureez, 9-2 Ardoony, 6 Miss Diaward, 8 Apple Wine, 10 Earl's Court, 14 Sallametti.


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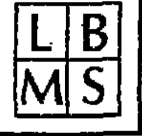
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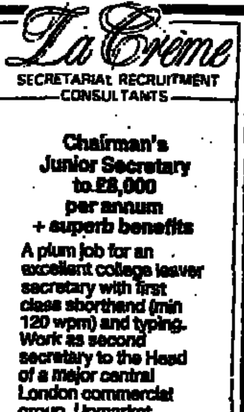
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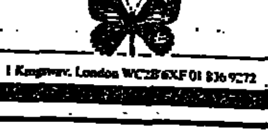
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Hare Krishnas add a touch of colour to Capability Brown

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

To arrive on the lawns outside the imposing portico of Croome Court in Worcestershire by helicopter is dramatic enough, but when dozens of saffron-robed figures start chanting Hare Krishna in welcome, the effect is one of shock. A group of journalists who arrived at the great eighteenth-century house last week needed a glass or two of apple juice and some specially prepared vegetarian canapes to restore their equilibrium. Croome Court estate, eight miles from Worcester is a Grade II listed house built between 1751 and 1769. It is for sale by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, who have owned it for five years and are moving to headquarters in Hertfordshire.

The fact that some 200 men, women and children live at Croome Court gives an indication of its size, and of the difficulty in finding a suitable use for the family houses of past generations. This is a problem facing owners of many large properties. Converting them into apartments, as at Melchbourne Park, Bedfordshire, is one solution and using them for an institution or school is another.

Croome Court was built for the sixth Earl of Coventry before his marriage to the famous Maria Gunning (whose sister, Elizabeth, became Lady Hamilton). The Palladian-style house was designed mainly by Capability Brown, who also landscaped the gardens and grounds, with interior design work carried out by Robert Adam and Giovani Vassalli.

Roman Catholic

The house is faced with Bath Stone, while the extensive adjoining stable block is mainly of brick. It has played host to George III, Queen Victoria, George V, and Queen Juliana of the Netherlands who, with the Dutch royal family, took shelter there during the Second World War.

It was sold by the Coventrys in 1948 and was a Roman Catholic school for boys before being bought by the Hare Krishna community in 1979. Croome Court has a wealth of magnificent plasterwork, carved marble fireplaces, statuary alcoves, wall mouldings and a cantilevered stone staircase. One room which was entirely decorated with Gobelins tapestries acquired by the sixth earl is now, complete with plaster ceiling, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The present owners have undertaken repairs to hand on the estate in good shape, and have introduced their own colourful decorations in some rooms. The house has an entrance hall with a screen of four Roman Doric columns, salon with ornate frieze, three drawing rooms, a 63ft-long gallery, billiard room, library, Italian room, 23 bedrooms, and five bathrooms – which is why a family might find it on the roomy side.

Hampton and Sons, from their London and Cheltenham offices, are asking £750,000. They believe it would be difficult to convert the property into flats, and see the continuation of some form of school or institutional use as the best way to ensure Croome Court's future.

Chilston, near Maidstone, Kent, is another fine property awaiting a future. One of the best examples of a Georgian mansion in the county, Chilston Park has recently come on the market through the London office of Knight Frank and Rutley, and Cobbs of Sevenoaks, who are asking £1m for the property, set in 223 acres of parkland.

The Grade I listed building was bought last July by an American hotel group, Suites International, who planned to transform it into a luxury country hotel. As a result of the rapid expansion of the company's US hotel chain, it now cannot deflect sufficient management effort to the project.

Gaynes Hall Mansion, an eighteenth century Grade II listed building, in 16 acres, is for sale through D. H. Barford and Co, of St Neots, acting for the Home Office, at about £100,000.

The building, which becomes surplus to requirements when the Youth Training Centre there closes at the end of August 1984, has extensive accommodation on three floors and a basement suitable for many commercial uses. The agents are encouraging inquiries for a variety of possible uses, including offices, computer headquarters, research centre, nursing home or hospital, residential home or flats, hotel or health farm.

Gaynes Hall Mansion is at West Perry, near Huntingdon, and close to the Grafton Water Recreational complex.

One Grade I listed building, Hintlesham Hall, Ipswich, which had a new lease of life as a restaurant owned by Robert Carrier, is to continue in that modern manifestation. The hall, offered at about £500,000 for the Hall and other buildings, has been bought by a couple who intend to reopen it as a restaurant later this year.

Ruth and David Watson run a computer company near Diss, Norfolk, and will live at the hall.

For some years, Hamstead Lodge, an early eighteenth-century house at the centre of the Craven Hill estate at Hamstead Marshall, near Newbury, Berkshire, has been a nursing home. It is let on a lease expiring in 1987; but the estate has just been sold to a company for £3,320,000 through Dreweatt Watson and Barton.

Croome Court, Pershore, Worcestershire, an eighteenth-century mansion designed by Capability Brown and Robert Adam, for sale through Hampton and Son for around £750,000



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY



Record price for a two-bedroom Hampstead flat

A record price for a two-bedroom Hampstead flat is claimed by Druce and Company, who have sold the property in Hampstead Village on behalf of an international interior designer for £325,000. The flat has a ballroom-style reception room, dining room, two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a private terrace, and last year changed hands for £240,000. Two buyers competed this time and, in a race against the clock, an American businessman won the deal by a matter of minutes.

A house bounded by a lake on one side and a creek on the other and a former home of the poet Keats, is for sale in Old Bedhampton, near Portsmouth, Hampshire, at £165,000 through Whiteheads' Havant office. Old Mill House, a Georgian property in three acres, has nine bedrooms and has been modernized by its present owners. It was in this house, in 1819, that John Keats finished his poem, The Eve of St Agnes.

Chelsea studio

A rare studio property in The Vale, Chelsea, built around the turn of the century, is for sale at £950,000 through Knight Frank and Rutley. The house was specifically built for two artists, Harry Tonks, then the head of the Slade College of Art, and Harris Brown, the painter and dilettante. The accommodation was arranged as two studios each with its own flat but, after a difference of opinion, Tonks left and had a house built further along the Vale. Vincent Korda, the painter and stage designer brother of Sir Alexander Korda, bought the property in 1947 and occupied the house for the next 30 years until it passed to the present ownership.

Numbers 2, 3 and 4 Hyde Park Gate, London SW7, looking across Kensington Road to Hyde Park, are three listed buildings within a conservation area. They have been used as hostel accommodation and many of their rooms divided into small units. They are now for sale freehold by Aylesford and Co, who are asking £3m.

Indian Cotswolds

For about £36,000 you can buy Pineapple Spa Cottage, Lower Swell, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, described in a book on English cottages as "India in the Cotswolds." Authors Tony Evans and Candida Lycett Green say that Samuel Pepys Cockrell designed the facade at about the same time that he was commissioned by his brother Sir Charles Cockerell to build nearby Sezincote, forerunner to the Brighton Pavilion. The stone cottage, with two bedrooms, is being sold through Jackson-Stops and Staff's Evesham office.



Papworth Manor, an outstanding Elizabethan manor house at Papworth St Agnes, Cambridgeshire, is to be sold through the London and Cambridge office of Carter Jonas, who are asking £150,000. The stone and brick house has a later addition, and needs restoration. The eastern section was probably built in about 1585 for William Mallory, and there are fine plaster ceilings put in for William's son, Sir William Mallory, by an Italian craftsman. The house retains many original architectural and historic features, and accommodation includes a reception hall, parlour, hall study, four bedrooms and a bathroom and a self-contained flat.

Ganging up on chains

For many people who want to move house, the greatest obstacle is the chain that builds up both ahead and behind, preventing movement just when the house owner thinks he has a buyer and a seller. Some sticking point, out of reach, occurs to frustrate the operation.

The ending of the chain is therefore an important consideration in ways to speed up, simplify and if possible reduce the cost of moving. It is one of the matters which the government-appointed Farrand committee on conveyancing is now examining.

The committee, chaired by Professor Julian Farrand, first considered what tests of competence were needed for non-solicitor conveyancers. That was its main task when it was set up in the light of the Government's acceptance of the need to open conveyancing to non-solicitors. In its second phase, the committee is looking at the scope for simplifying conveyancing practice and procedure.

In its evidence to the committee, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors gives its support to chain-breaking organizations, which buy up houses to release a blockage, saying that they can "offer a useful service, provided they are properly run". A proviso is that some delay is in the interests of buyers, who may need a cooling-off period to consider their decisions. The institution may have a point, but normally once a person has decided to buy, he or she wants to go ahead.

On another matter, that of sellers' surveys, the institution considers that their introduction is unlikely to reduce delays in house purchase. In its memorandum to the conveyancing committee, it says that such surveys are unlikely to work in practice. It argues that the surveyor's report on the value of a house, based on an objective assessment of defects, may differ from the seller's view of the price he wishes to obtain; that a survey carried out for a seller may not satisfy the requirements of building societies for a mortgage valuation; that it may fail to fulfil buyers' needs for a detailed report of defects or a long-term maintenance plan; that the cost of a comprehensive survey could inhibit sellers from having it carried out; and that the need to "market" a house in the best possible light might lead sellers to put undue pressure on surveyors to minimize defects in their reports.

The institution also says that chartered surveyors, who carry out most house surveys, might be reluctant to implement the system, because carrying out a survey for the seller would prevent them from acting as estate agents for the sale.

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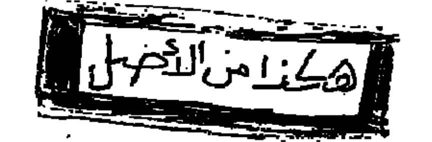
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6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; Top Twenty news from Steve Blacknell between 7.55 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33; ante-natal advice between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.00 Training the Young Horse, introduced by HRH The Princess Anne. A film made by the British Horse Society which follows the training of a horse from the time it was a young foal. The narrator is Richard Meade (r).

9.30 Ceefax.

10.30 Play School, presented by Sheelagh Gilbey (r).

10.55 Gharbar. A magazine programme for Asian women. Indian classical dancers Nalini and Kamalini Delhi, and their guru, Jitendra Maharaj, talk to Lalita Ahmad about their careers and plans for the future.

11.20 Ceefax.

1.00 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Michael Fish.

1.27 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.30 Gran (r).

1.35 Stop-Go! (r).

1.45 Wimbledon 84. Live coverage of the third day's main matches. Introduced by Harry Carpenter.

4.18 Regional news.

4.20 Play School, presented by Brian Cant.

4.40 Take Two. Josephine Buchan with young people's comments on BBC Television programmes. The main programme under discussion this week is Dallas.

5.05 John Craven's Newsround.

5.15 Silas. Episode seven of the 12-part serial about a young circus boy (Ceefax titles page 170).

5.40 Sixty Minutes. News with Moira Stuart at 5.40; weather at 5.45; regional magazines at 5.55; and news headlines at 6.35.

6.40 International Football. Live coverage from Paris of the final of the European Championship between France and Spain, introduced by Jimmy Hill. John Motson is the commentator with expert comment from the England team manager, Bobby Robson, and Bobby Charlton. If the the game goes to extra time the match will be decided by penalties...

9.00 News with John Humphrys.

9.25 The Bob Monkhouse Show with guests, comedienne Joan Rivers, singer and actress Rosemary Clooney and comedian Larry Miller.

10.20 Wimbledon 84. Highlights of the third day's matches, introduced by Desmond Lynam, with news and comment from Gerald Williams.

11.18 News headlines.

11.20 Whicker's World. Alan Whicker looks back at some of the places and events he has seen during his ten years travelling the world. Tonight's programme includes film from Alaska, Australia, Mexico, the Philippines and Singapore and includes the coronation of the King of Tonga and a report on California's Love Generation (r).

12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain, presented by Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.33; the Greene's dream home at 6.40; exercises at 6.50 and 8.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; guest of the day, Dick Cavett, at 7.40; Bob Marley video at 7.56; Peter Langford's star romance at 8.15; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.34; the Stevie Wonder story 9.03.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: A day in the life of a television news reporter. 9.47 A community helps a school. 10.04 Summer on Kirby Farm in Warwickshire. 10.21 Poetry and attitudes to war 10.50 How a new baby affects family life. 11.10 Setting up a fair. 11.22 Games on the beach. 11.40 The ruins of Kirkstall Abbey and a look at a modern Cistercian monastery, Mount St Bernard.

11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. Cartoon adventure series about a bird. 12.00 Alarash's Music. The last in the series shows how a pencil can be an adequate substitute for a conductor's baton. 12.10 Sounds Like a Story. Mark Wynter with the tale of Five Cowboys and Five Indians (r). 12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Plus Revisited. Kay Avila talks to George Segal on the set of Robin Hood; Mavis Nicholson talks to photographer Terance Donovan about his life and career (r).

2.00 Crown Court. Continuing the case of the parents accused of kidnapping their daughter from a religious sect (r). 2.30 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Alarash's Music. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Dangermouse (r). 4.20 The Forgotten Story, by Winston Graham. Episode one of a mystery tale set in the West Country in the 1890s (r). 4.50 Razzmatazz presented by Alastair Pirie. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Community action news.

6.35 Crossroads. Barbara Hunter keeps her cool when husband David is criticized by Jill Chance.

7.00 Where There's Life ... Miriam Stoppard introduces another programme in the series devoted to health and personal life.

7.30 Coronation Street. Vera Duckworth concocts a plan to get husband Jack's tax back from Brian Tilsley (Oracle titles page 170).

8.00 Mike Reid's Mates and Music. Variety show presented by comedian Mike Reid. Among the guests are Dana, Helen Shapiro, Wall Street Crash and Gary Wilmot.

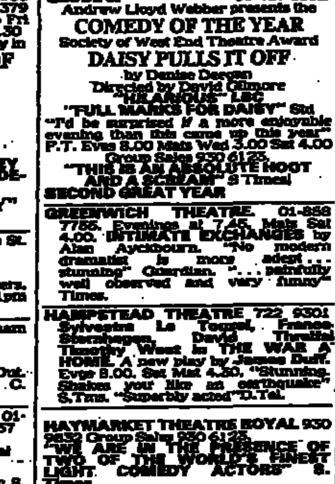
9.00 Sorrell and Son. Part four of Warwick Deeping's novel and Stephen Sorrell's future becomes more secure as he becomes emotionally involved, while son Kit is making heavy weather of his academic pursuits (Oracle titles page170).

10.00 News.

10.30 Cyprus: Britain's Grim Legacy. The second and final part of an examination of the last years of Britain's sovereignty over the Mediterranean island (Oracle titles page 170).

11.30 Film: Risko (1976) starring Gabriel Dell. A made-for-television private detective yarn concerning an investigator whose methods upset the local police force. Directed by Bernard L Kowalski.

12.25 Night Thoughts.



Dilys Hamlett and Derek Halligan (BBC 2, 9.30 pm)

● FIRE AT MAGILLIGAN (BBC 2, 9.30pm), Harry Barton's reflection on the Northern Ireland problem, makes no bones about it: this is war, not sectarian strife, that is going on: prisons are prisoner-of-war camps. Mr Barton does not write easy plays. You have only to think back to his radio play *Hoopoe Day*, a 1982 Giles Cooper award winner, to realize that. *Fire at Magilligan* has something of *Hoopoe Day*'s elusive quality, although it helpfully constructs a naturalistic framework within which the ideological debate takes place: prison visitor and magistrate gives a lift to the Provo hitch-hiker on whom, 10 years earlier, she had passed sentence. The director, Jan Sargent, has come up with exactly the right wintry images to complement the bleakness of the play's political vision.

CHOICE

● SPOTLIGHT (BBC2, 7.50pm) is a heaven-sent opportunity for showbusiness people to do what they like doing most: talk about themselves, at length, to a captive audience, without fear of interruption. At 40 minutes, such self-indulgence seems a trifle excessive. There are times when Bill Maynard, the comedy actor, whose reminiscences launch the series, overworks the word "marvellous" to such an extent that it almost ceases to have any meaning. But his good humour has an infectious quality about it, and the film clips are well chosen. Looking, and sounding, as he does these days, one wonders why Mr Maynard has not added Lear to his Selwyn Froggitt, Dickens, and The Gaffer.

● The Giles Cooper season on Radio 4, now well into its stride and affording us exceptional entertainment, continues with ALL THE WAY HOME (3.00pm), the one about the pair of guilty lovers from the same office who find that everything conspires to prevent them from tumbling into bed together. The title, I'm afraid, is a bit of a give-away if you take it literally.

● Music highlights on radio: Mihaela Martin playing the Bartok Violin Concerto No 2 with the BBC SO in a concert recorded in Prague (Radio 3, 8.00pm); and the last of John Steane's three programmes about the Irish tenor John McCormack (Radio 3, 6.30pm) that have fished in the great pool of records that he made – about 600 – and landed some beauties.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Experimental Philosophy. 6.55 Semi-conductors and the Sun. 7.20 Sacred Places. 7.45 The Athabasca Glacier. Ends at 8.10. 9.00 Ceefax.

10.00 Daytime on Two: You and me. For the very young. 10.12 Ceefax. 11.00 The story of rivalry between two lizards. 11.15 Ceefax. 12.05 The seventh of eight programmes featuring excerpts from French-speaking television networks. 12.30 The basic laws of mechanics in action during a visit to a circus.

12.55 An explanation of gas laws, diffusion and Maxwell-Boltzman distribution. 1.20 The origin of X-ray Spectra. 1.45 Ceefax. 2.01 Some of the creatures to be found in a freshwater pond. 2.18 A day in the life of a working girl living with her family in a poor part of a Brazilian city (subtitled). 2.40 Primary school children visit the countryside and a farm museum.

3.00 Wimbledon 84. Coverage of the third day's play, introduced by Harry Carpenter. The commentators are Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Gerald Williams, Barry Davies, Mark Cox, Bill Threlfall, Ann Jones and Virginia Wade.

7.45 News summary with subtitles.

7.50 Spotlight. The first of a new series of five one-man shows features Bill Maynard. He talks about his career which began when he was 10 years old playing the ukelele, singing and dancing. Injury curtailed a professional football career and he turned to show-business full-time. Introduced by Gordon Peters and recorded at the College Theatre, Melton Mowbray.

8.30 The Travel Show. A new series presented by Paul Heiney includes on-the-spot reports from leading Mediterranean resorts beginning with Corfu. Kathy Rochford is the lucky reporter. Another new item is a hitch-hiker's guide to Europe. This will be provided by Manchester University student, Matthew Collins, who will have only £150 to spend in eight weeks.

9.00 Leaving. Part two of the series about a couple who, after 20 years of marriage, decide to part – but as the best of friends. Somehow their plans don't work out. Starring Keith Barron and Susan Hampshire (Ceefax titles page 170).

9.30 Play: Fire at Magilligan, by Harry Barton (see Choice.)

10.15 Ebony includes a profile of West Indies cricket captain Clive Lloyd. With Viv Richards and Ian Botham.

10.45 Newsnight.

11.30 Life Power. A new six-part series about biotechnology. Presented by the producer, Paul Kriwaczek.

12.00 Open University: Numerical Computation "Functional Approximation". 12.25 Inquiry: Symbolic Deaths. 12.50 Vidar's Right – Special Education in Norway. Ends at 1.20.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. The second semi-final of the words and numbers game pits the number seven seed, Northamptonshire housewife, Christine Hunt, against the number three seed, Peter Skiba of Croydon, Surrey.

5.30 Bewitched.* Comedy in the coven as Aunt Clara realizes that old age is having its effects on her sorcery with chaotic results.

6.00 Passage to Britain: The Chinese – 'We Are Different' The penultimate programme of the series tracing the history of immigrant communities in Britain concentrates on the Chinese, a people who were virtually unknown in this country until the mid-Fifties when they began to arrive, mostly from Hong Kong. The programme explores how the Chinese community has successfully maintained its strong family, language and economic infra-structure within the British community.

6.30 Wheels, Wings and Water, presented by David Wilkie and Sarah Temple-Smith. The programme includes coverage of the Bristol Power Boat Grand Prix and a profile of Steve Kerton who claims he has a power boat that is indestructible; film of an air-sea rescue involving a windsurfer; and the story of an aircraft enthusiast who builds his own aeroplanes in his garage.

7.00 Channel Four News includes a report from Lawrence McGinty from Britain's largest marsh, Halvergate in Norfolk, on the Nature Conservancy Council's claim that it is losing the fight to save Britain's woodland, fens and marshes.

7.50 Comment. The political slot is filled this week by the Liberal Party president, Lord Tordoff.

8.00 Brookside. Money matters occupy the residents of the Close tonight with Heather trying to raise a mortgage; Teresa and Matty having to find the £200 they owe the social security; and Sheila shelling out for Barry's pub lunch.

8.30 Diverse Reports includes the story of how the Russians won World War Two and The Guardian's Hugo Young with a review of the week's news.

9.00 Dance on Four: New York City Ballet. A new series of five programmes begins with two works by George Balanchine and his New York Ballet – Who Cares? and Mozartiana, recorded at the Lincoln Center, New York, just after Balanchine's death.

10.20 The British Film Institute Awards. Highlights of last night's awards ceremony at the National Film Theatre.

10.40 Film: La Dame aux Camelias (1981) starring Isabelle Huppert as Alphonsine, a courtesan in the Paris society of the 1840s, who becomes the lover of Alexandre Dumas. Directed by Mauro Bolognini.

12.45 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves and studio guests, including Dame Cicely Saunders who talks to Sheila Hancock.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Derbyshire.
10.30 Morning Story: "Caldas the Detective" by Patricia Langdon-Davies. Read by Jill Bacon.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; You the Jury. The motion debated today: Farming and forestry should be subject to planning controls (r).
11.48 Just Like You and Me. Johnny Morris recalls 25 years of dealing with animals (8) Three Cheeky Monkeys.
12.00 News; You and Yours.
12.27 Deep Six. The last episode of a serial in six parts by John Fletcher. Starring Freddie Lees (r).† 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour includes an interview with the founder of the Virgin Records empire, Richard Branson. And Nigel Hawthorne reads the first episode of Terry Pratchett's The Colour of Magic.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: The Plays of Giles Cooper. All the Way Home, starring Michael Bryant and Jan Waters. Comedy about a middle-aged couple trying to spend a "naughty night" in an hotel.†
3.47 Just the Job. With David Wright.
4.00 News' File on 4 with Michael Robinson.
4.40 Story Time: "The Year of the Lion" by Gerald Hanley (5), read by Nigel Anthony.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six o'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 My Music. A music panel game. Steve Race puts questions to John Amis and Frank Muir, and Denis Norden and Ian Wallace.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint. A weekly investigation into problems encountered by listeners. With Roger Cook.
7.45 In Business with Peter Hobday.
8.15 Pride of the Parlour. A 10-part series in which Jeremy Siepmann casts an eye on the history of music-making in the home. (7) The Entertainer.†
8.45 Analysis. Mary Goldring on an industry based on the genetic manipulation of bacteria.
9.30 Brian Thompson's A-Z. Third of five talks by playwright Brian Thompson – "France".
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Topics dealt with tonight include Silver Lady, by Liane Aukin, at Birmingham Rep; the film Sunday in the Country; Peter Conrad's book The Art of the City; Views and Versions of New York; and a 70th birthday interview with Rafael Kubelik.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Riceyman Steps" by Arnold Bennett (3). Read by Martin Jarvis.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Close. Shipping Forecast.
England: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools: 10.45 A Place in History. 11.05 Singing Together 27. 11.25 Movement and Drama 2. 11.45 Mother Tongue Song and Story. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools: 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4. Asian Links (last of six programmes). 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Romantic Narrative Poetry 11.50 Skinheads. 12.30-1.00am Schools night-time broadcasting: 12.30 Making Work (3). 12.50 YTS Briefing (3).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: part one. Ravel's Introduction and Allegro (Drake/Campbell/Parr, and English String Orchestra); Elgar's Sea Pictures (Janet Baker and the LSO); Mozart's Piano Concerto No 1 (Geza Anda/Camerata Academica of the Salzburg Mozarteum).† 8.00 News.
8.05 Midweek Choice: part two. Thomas's overture Mignon; Chopin's Introduction and Variations on a German air (Ashkenazy, piano); Moeran's Violin Concerto (John Georgiadis/London Symphony Orchestra).† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Beethoven. Overture King Stephen; Clarinet Trio Op 11 (Music Group of London); and Choral Fantasy Op 80 (Vogel, piano; BBC Singers).†
10.00 J B Foerster: Prague Symphony Orchestra play the Symphony No 4.†
10.45 Settings of James Joyce: Jane Manning (soprano) and John McCabe in works by Bax, C W Orr, Bridge, Ireland (Tutto e sciolto), Howells (Flood) and Moeran.†
11.05 BBC Scottish SO: with Janet Hilton (clarinet). Mozart's overture Don Giovanni; Schubert's Symphony No 8 (Unfinished); and Edward Harper's Clarinet Concerto. Also, Smetana's Vltava.†
12.15 Concert Hall: An all-Bach recital by David Hill at the organ of the German Lutheran Christchurch, Montpelier Place, London.† 1.00 News.
1.05 Miles Davis: More records from the days when the American trumpeter collaborated with the arranger and composer Gil Evans.
1.30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra, with Brian Rayner Cook (baritone) and Antony Saunders (piano). Glinka's overture Ruslan and Ludmilla; Somervell's Three Songs from Maud; Holst's Two Songs without Words; Vaughan Williams's (arr M Johnsone) songs including Lovesight; Malcolm Hawkins's suite On Stage; Armstrong Gibbs songs; and Tchaikovsky's Valse des Fleurs (from The Nutcracker).†
2.30 Lesser Known 18 century Piano Music: Peter Wallfisch plays Eberl's Sonata in C minor; Benda's Sonata No 1; E Th A Hofmann's Sonata No 1; and J L Dussek's La Chasse.†
3.15 London Philharmonic Orchestra: Haydn's Symphony No 97, and Rachmaninov's fantasy The Rock.
4.00 Choral Evensong: from York Minster – live.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Another of Roger Nichols's selections of music.†
6.30 John McCormack: Then and Now. John Steane presents the last of three programmes about the great Irish tenor.
7.15 The Cosmic Creation: In the last of three programmes, Paul Davies, Professor of Theoretical Physics at Newcastle University examines the link between the very small and the very big.
8.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra in Czechoslovakia: with Mihaela Martin (violin). Conducted by Dennis Russell Davies. Part one. Harrison Birtwistle's An Imaginary Landscape; and Bartok's Violin Concerto No 2.†
9.06 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
9.25 BBC Symphony Orchestra: concert, part two. Mendelssohn's Symphony No 3 (The Scottish).†
10.15 Music for two Pianos: recital by Anne Queffélec and Imogen Cooper. Schumann's (arr Debussy) Four Canonic Studies; Debussy's En blanc et noir; and Mozart's Sonata in D, K 448.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF only: 6.15-6.55am Open University: The Question Why; and Open Forum. Then between 11.20pm and 12.00 Open University: Language and Authority; and Doppler Techniques.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines: 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 (MF/MW). 4.00am Colin Berry†. 5.30 Ray Moore†. 7.30 Terry Woganfincl 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Jimmy Young†. 12.00pm Ken Bruceincl 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.00 Wimbledon '84. Commentary on the third day of the championships. 7.00 John Dunn†(MF and VHF) incl 7.30 Cricket Scores. 8.00 Detective. Stories of crime and detection in London, written by Robert Barr starring Ray Brooks, Stephen Garlick. Episode 1 is called The Trap 8.30 BBC Radio Orchestra.†. 9.15 Syd Lawrence in Concert from the Playhouse Theatre, Manchester.†9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years, with Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00pm Patrick Lunt presents Nightride†. 3.00-4.00 Cynthia Glover sings†.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (MF/MW).
6.00am Bruno Brookes. 7.00 Adrian John. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel†. VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford†. 3.30 Music all the Way†. 4.00 Paul Burnett†. 6.00 John Dunn†. 8.00 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Omnibus. 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 That's Trad. 7.45 Report on Religion 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 The Alternative Proms 10.15 Wimbledon Report. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 World Service Short Story. 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Zoo Walk. 1.45 Beecham's Delius. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Middlemarch. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Wimbledon '84. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 Network U.K. 9.15 Wimbledon Report. 9.30 Jazz For The Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Kenneth Matthews Contemplates. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Waveguide. 12.40 Book Choice. 12.45 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network U.K. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today 3.30 The Alternative Proms. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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BBC1 Wales: 1.27pm-1.30 News of Wales headlines. 4.18-4.20 News of Wales headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 12.00 News and weather. Scotland: 1.25pm-1.30 The Scottish news. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty minutes. 12.00 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 1.27pm-1.30 Northern Ireland News. 4.18-4.20 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 12.00 News and weather. England: 5.55pm Regional news magazines. 12.05am Close.

S4C Starts 2.20pm Ffalabalam. 2.35 Interval. 3.35 Years Ahead. 4.05 4 What It's Worth. 4.30 Countdown. 5.00 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.05 Y Smyrffs. 5.35 BMX Championship. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Jeopardy. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Bara Brith. 8.00 Deg Potel Werdd. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Few Days in Weasel Creek. 10.45 Diverse reports. 11.15 Lifers. 11.45 US Olympic Track and Field Trials. 12.40am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Once Upon a Time... Man. 5.15–5.45 Protectors. 6.00-6.26 Good Evening Ulster. 11.30 News, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Return of the Saint. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Different Strokes. 6.00-6.35 News. 11.30 QED. 12.30 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm–1.00 Look Who' Talking. 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 11.30 Darkroom. 12.30am Village and Vow, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 Exchange Flags. 2.30 Devlin Connection. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 11.30 Streets Of San Francisco. 12.30am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Glenroe. 2.30 Gambit. 3.00-3.30 At Ease. 5.15-5.45 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 11.30 Music Special. 12.35am Company, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Protectors. 6.00-6.35 Calendar 11.30 Barney Miller 12.00 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20–1.30 News. 2.00 Devlin Connection. 3.00-3.30 Take the High Road: 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies* 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 11.30 Mannix. 12.30am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Database. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.35am Postscript, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 2.30-3.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 5.15-5.45 Madabout. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 11.30 That Girl. 12.00 St Peter. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm–1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20–1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Adventurer. 5.10 Action Line. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Database. 11.30 Late call. 11.35 Devlin Connection. 12.35am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.35am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 11.30 Portrait of a Legend. 12.00 News, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Survival 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.30am News, Closedown.

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A millionaire's legacy of broken dreams up for sale

By Robin Young

When Mr Harry Ellard, a millionaire bachelor, died on Christmas Day, aged 87, he left many pet projects uncompleted – about 90 vintage cars and vehicles which he had stored in a factory for up to 50 years so that one day he might rebuild them.

The collection, to be auctioned next month, includes 21 Lagondas, seven Invictas, four Healeys and four Aston Martins. Their conditions range from the more or less sound to wrecks.

Mr Ellard, who lived near Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, served an engineering apprenticeship with Henry Meadows, of Wolverhampton, whose engines powered many of the Lagondas and Invictas he was especially interested in. Mr Ellard became a substantial shareholder in Meadows when he opened a metal-processing factory in Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton. Part of the building was used to store old vehicles.

His interest in cars, particularly their design and engineering, continued into old age, and


Mr Ellard: Died on Christmas Day.

he was still buying vehicles in the 1960s.

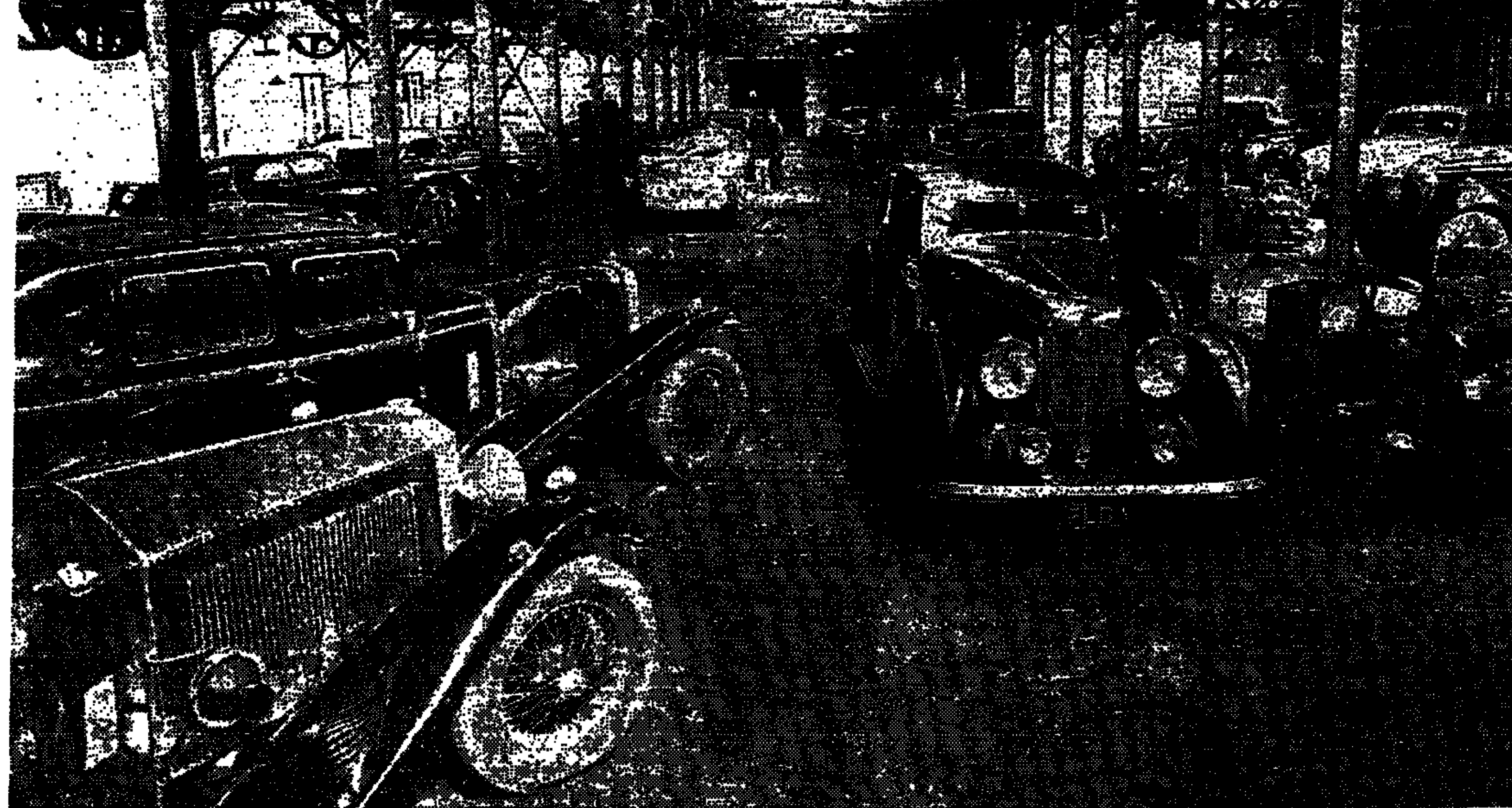
Mr Ellard did restoration work on some cars, and used several. A 1939 Lagonda drop head coupe, one of the last to be built, lacks its running boards, it is said, because Mr Ellard's girl friends laddered their stockings on them.

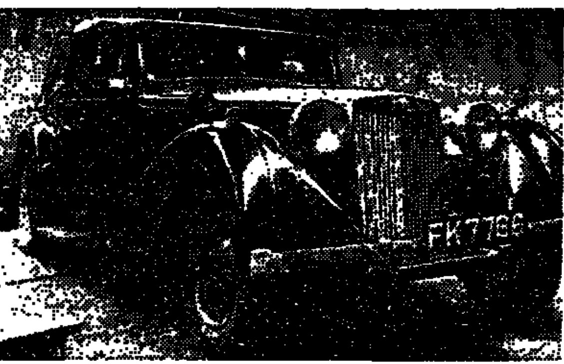
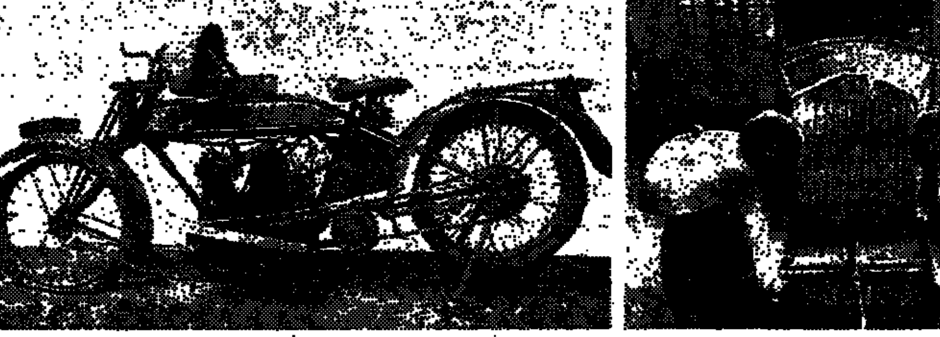
Mr Christopher Ironmonger, of the auctioneers Colliers Bigwood and Bewlay, estimates that the pride of the collection, a 1930 Rolls-Royce with French coachwork, will fetch £10,000 to £13,000.

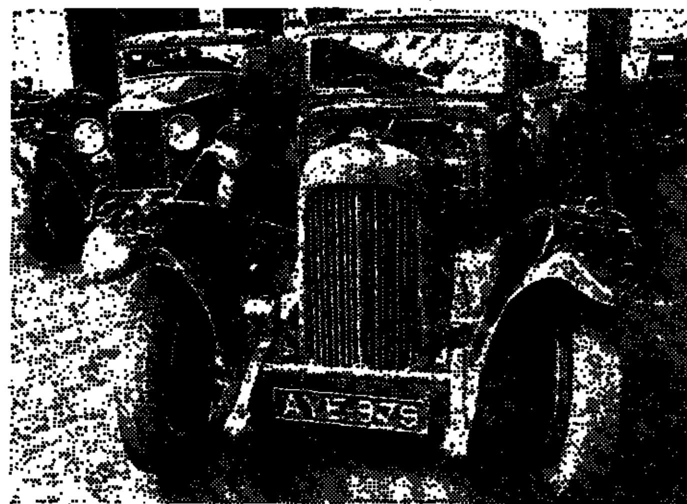
The collection is expected to realize more than £100,000 though some vehicles are in scrap condition and a 1935 Morris 10 cwt van, in rough condition, might fetch only £100.

Besides 50 cars, the collection includes tractors from 1920, two cement mixers, and a motor cycle Mr Ellard built out of spare parts in 1919.

Two Valentine tanks, with dismantled turrets, and two Clectrac vehicles, used for towing barrage balloons are for sale but have not yet been extricated from the factory.


Waiting for restoration: Some of the Ellard collection stored in a factory at Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton.



MG two-litre Tickford coupe, 1937; Mr Ellard's motor cycle, 1919 and Rolls-Royce 20/25, 1939.



Classic Pair: A Lagonda 3-litre 1956 four-door saloon (left) and a Lagenda 4½-litre car in the workshop.

Coal board staff mobbed by pickets

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Mr Frank Taylor, the coal board's regional secretary, who was kicked and punched at the assembly point, telephoned Mr. Jack Taylor, president of the union's Yorkshire area, to complain about the behaviour of the 1,000 men, most of whom were in their twenties or thirties.

Mr Frank Taylor said: "It was very vicious and much more bitter than before. There were miners all over when I arrived for work and only a handful of police.

"They came up to me and said: 'Right, you are all going home. We beat two men up at Bilston Glen but they were gentlemen and we are not. We are going to kick you all home.'

"We were at the assembly point and they started pushing and jostling us. They grabbed me by my tie and kicked me and my assistant, but we all stood our ground. It was really frightening. They are thugs. These are the yobs you see at football matches. Their language was foul", Mr Taylor said.

"I have been in this industry a long time and I think miners are the salt of the earth, but it is one of the saddest days of my life to have seen this. I have never seen anything like it before.

"They are not helping their cause. And I told Mr Taylor that they will not get public sympathy when they knock young girls about. I said that this behaviour was totally unacceptable, to intimidate and frighten people who want to exercise their democratic right to work.

"He told me he was not responsible for everything but I said he must be responsible. He said that three of his members had received fractured skulls at Orgreave and I said I was sorry, but that did not justify what had happened."

Mr Taylor said that the pickets had adopted different tactics from before. Instead of trying to stop workers at the main door of Coal House they had split up and stopped staff in the street before they reached work.

One miner, he said, had been listened to in silence when he tried to explain the miners' case to the employees at the assembly point.

One Coal House official said that he believed many miners were now resorting to violence because of their increasing frustration that the stike had gone on for so long without making progress.

Disruption today on rail and Tube

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

British Rail said last night that Inter-City and commuter services face delays and cancellations today because of strikes by railway workers in support of the miners.

Worst affected are likely to be services in and out of Euston where only 40 per cent of Inter-City and 50 per cent of suburban services are expected to operate normally.

British Rail expects to run 60 per cent of normal services to Kings Cross and 70 per cent of the usual services to Waterloo and Paddington.

Passengers to Fenchurch Street may face difficulties in the morning and Marylebone services may also be affected. Railway workers at Liverpool Street met late last night to decide whether to join the action being taken by members of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Underground services, particularly on the Piccadilly District and Northern lines, will also be disrupted and NUR officials were meeting last night to decide whether to close the network completely.

Scargill's claim of power cut plans denied

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tive discretion on the amount of strike pay needed to secure members' support for industrial action.

Mr Scargill's claims, which stunned delegates, were centred on information from the CEGB "mole", he said. "I can tell you that the CEGB in conjunction with the Government is preparing a presentation to Parliament of emergency measures for power cuts on a rota basis in August and September.

"The NUM are increasingly confident because as each day passes, we go one day nearer the winter months," Mr Scargill said, and argued that power stations' stock of coal were now down to 15m tonnes, the same level as at the start of the three day week in 1974.

The CEGB said: "We foresee no problems in terms of generating electricity for many months to come."

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said: "The prediction of shortage of stocks at power stations in two months' time is as totally untrue as are all the predictions of Mr Scargill on this issue."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visit the Royal Marines at Poole, 10.25.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother attends the Festival Service of the Friends of St Paul's, St Pauls's Cathedral, 5.20.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall accompanied by The Princess of Wales, visits the Douglas Arter Centre, 10.30; and later opens the Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, 11.

Princess Anne, Patron of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, attends a rally in Glasgow, arrives Glasgow Airport, 2; and later attends a concert at the Royal Festival Hall, 7.15.

Princess Margaret visits the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond St, 2.45; and later, attends a Gala Fashion Show at the Royal College of Art, 8.15.

The Duke of Gloucester opens the Spectrum Leisure Complex, Willington, county Durham, 11.25.

Music

Recital by Deborah Dales (soprano) and Andrew Clarke (piano); Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Rd, Doncaster, 1.

Scottish National Orchestra Proms; Kelvin Hall Glasgow, 7.30.

Choral concert by the Yale Russian Chorus, Keble College Chapel, Oxford, 7.30.

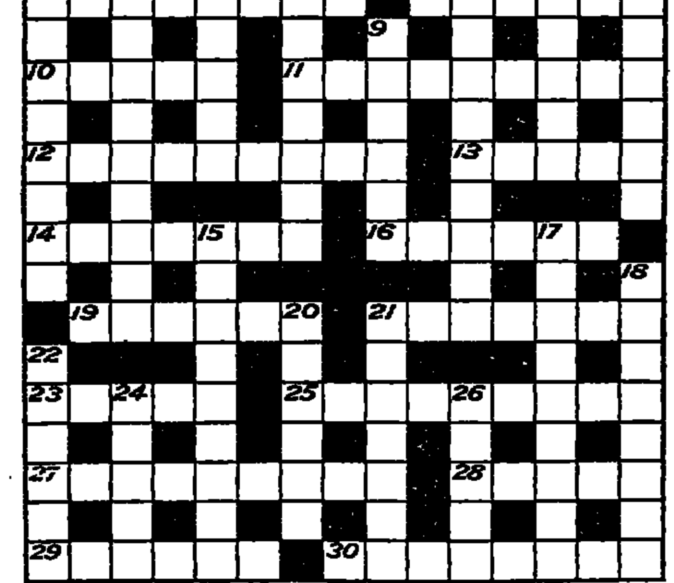
Concert by the Peterborough String Orchestra; Rothwell Parish Church, Northants, 8.

Recital by Veronica Sollaway (soprano), Stephen Reynolds and Barry Ball (piano) and Susan Tyson (clarinet); St John's Church, Chester, 1.

Piano Quartet recital; St Andrew's Church, Penrith, Cumbria, 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,467

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 23 per cent of the competitors at this year's Bristol regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.



ACROSS

1 He's willing to have a try at gold (8).
5 Kipling's smoke halo (6).
10 Shows the way to the roof (5).
11 What happens when Bill goes to law? (9)
12 Unforced solo performance by service organiser? (9).
13 Go back to study Nash (5).
14 Did Norman, undirected at the end, fleece Hollywood? (7).
16 Insists on accurate bearing (6).
19 Painter's first application could lead to outburst (6).
21 If he's to introduce publicity, that's topping (7).
23 Herbert is a pest! (5).
25 Incomplete information touching the garment's state (3,6).
27 Season without one coin being new-minted? (9).
28 Finish, we hear, one second before us on the way back (5).
29 Journeyman needs strict direction (6).
30 Give notice of what is coming to the New Theatre, perhaps (8).

DOWN

1 Take pictures to send to receivers (8).
2 Was Cade's felony a case of taking this? (5,4).
3 Crime given a name in Parson's Tale (5).
4 In opera, for a change, begin with parade outdoors (4,3).
6 Boneman who needs patience, they say! (9).
7 Adore to distraction Highland lass (5).
8 Accompany a race to the finish (6).
9 Algerian ruler competent to hold Yoruba leader (6).
15 Less time demanded for engineers' task (9).
17 Troopship by which one is carried away (9).
18 Rains, say, ruined this old empire (8).
20 Ring for a messenger (6).
21 Start acting in Macbeth (7).
22 Political group introduces race with prizes for all (6).
24 In a word, beg one salmon caught on top section of Esk (5).
26 She has no right to be included in Hamlet scene (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,466

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Anniversaries

Births: Charles Stewart Parnell, Avondale, co Wicklow, 1846; Sir John Monash, engineer and general, Melbourne, 1865; Helen Keller, author, educator, blind, deaf and mute, Tuscumbria, Alabama, 1880.

Deaths: Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), murdered, Carthage, Illinois, 1844; Harriet Martineau, economist, philosopher, Ambleside, Cumbria, 1876; Christian Ehrenberg, biologist, Berlin, 1876; Malcolm Lowry, novelist and poet, Ripe, Sussex, 1957.

Wimbledon

Today's play:
Centre Court: S. Simonsson v J. S. Connors; Miss V. Ruzici v Miss K. Jordan; P. Fleming and J McEnroe v S. Menon and G. Michibata.
Court One: Miss M. Navratilova v Miss A. E. Holton; S. Edberg v J. C. Kriek; P. Arraya and A. Gomez v T. E. Gullikson and T. R. Gullikson.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Select Committee on Home Affairs report on Representation of the Peoples Acts.

Lords (2.30): Debate on civil aviation, Video Recordings Bill, third reading.

Pollen forecast

	Pollen count	Peak times
Aberdeen	high*	6 to 7 pm
Basildon	high	3 to 6 pm
Bath	med	9 am to noon
Belfast	high	3 to 6 pm
Bradford	high	3 to 6 pm
Brighton	low	9 am to noon
Carlisle	high	6 to 9 pm*
Darlington	high	3 to 6 pm*
Dudley	high	3 to 6 pm
Edinburgh	high	3 to 6 pm
Exeter	high	noon to 3 pm
Glasgow	high	3 to 6 pm*
Hull	high	3 to 6 pm
Isle of Wight	high	3 to 6 pm
Leeds	high	3 to 6 pm
Lincoln	high	3 to 6 pm*
Maidstone	low	–
Norwich	med	9 am to noon
Preston	low	noon to 3 pm
Rotherham	high	3 to 6 pm
Runcorn	med	noon to 3 pm
Salford	high	noon to 3 pm
Southampton	high	3 to 6 pm
Swansea	high	noon to 3 pm
Tewkesbury	high	3 to 6 pm
Warwick	high	3 to 6 pm

* except during rain

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New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
A Dictionary of Classical Reference in English Poetry, by Eric Smith (Boydell & Brewer, £19.50).
Caesar Augustus, Seven Aspects, edited by Fergus Millar and Erich Segal (Oxford, £18).
Front Page History, Events of Our Century that shook the World, by Harold Evans (Quiller Press, £9.95).
George Orwell, Nineteen Eighty-Four, The Facsimile (Secker & Warburg, £25).
In Exile From The Land of Shadows, by John F. Avedon (Michael Joseph, £12.95).
Place-Names in the Landscape, by Margaret Gelling (Dent, £15).
The Brigadier in Season, cricketing stories by Peter Tinniswood (Macmillan, £5.95).
The Diary of Virginia Woolf, Volume V, 1936-1941, edited by Anne Olivier Bell (Chatto & Windus, £17.50).
The History of the University of Oxford, Volume I, The Early Oxford Schools, edited by J. I. Chatto (Oxford, £55).
The New Cambridge Shakespeare, Othello, Romeo and Juliet, The Taming of the Shrew, (Cambridge, £15).
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Roads

The Midlands: M1: Contraflow at Junction 22 (Ashby). A6: Contraflow between Derby and Leicester at Hathern. A34: Roadworks at Tidmington S of Shipston, Warwickshire.

The North: M6: Contraflow between junction 32 (Preston) and junction 33 (Lancaster). Severe delays. M62: Lane closures between junctions 22 and 23.

Wales and West: A438: Roadworks at Toddington, M5, junction 9, between Green Lane and M5 interchange. A39: Roadworks between Minehead and Williton, Somerset. A338: Delays on northbound carriageway on Spur Rd (Bournemouth).

Scotland: A72: Roadworks N of A703 junction in Peebles. A82: Single lane traffic one and a half miles S of Ardlui.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.63	1.56
Austria Sch	27.75	26.15
Belgium Fr	80.50	76.50
Canada $	1.82	1.76
Denmark Kr	14.36	13.66
Finland Mkk	8.27	7.87
France Fr	11.94	11.44
Germany DM	3.91	3.72
Greece Dr	156.00	147.00
Hongkong $	11.00	10.40
Ireland Pt	1.28	1.22
Italy Lira	2380.00	2290.00
Japan Yen	334.00	318.00
Netherlands Gld	4.42	4.20
Norway Kr	11.07	10.57
Portugal Esc	199.00	191.00
South Africa Rd	2.16	2.02
Spain Pta	216.00	206.00
Sweden Kr	11.43	10.93
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.10
USA $	1.39	1.34
Yugoslavia Dnr	186.00	176.00

Retail Price Index: 351.0.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 9.3 at 803.4

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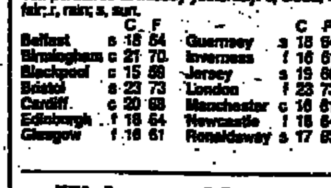
Weather forecast

Pressure will be high to the west of the British Isles with a weak frontal trough from central Scotland to northwest England.

6am to midnight

London, E Anglia, E, W Midlands, E England: sunny periods, dry, wind NW light, max temp 24C (75F).
SE, central S, SW England, S Wales: sunny periods, dry, wind variable light, temp 24C (75F).
Channel Islands: sunny periods, dry, wind variable light, max temp 20C (68F).
N Wales, NW, central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: sunny intervals, a little rain or drizzle in places, wind NW moderate, max temp 21C (70F).
NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: rather cloudy, perhaps a little rain, also bright intervals, wind NW moderate, max temp 22C (72F).
Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: sunny intervals, scattered showers, wind W fresh or strong, max temp 15C (59F).
Orkney, Shetland: showers or longer periods of rain, sunny intervals, wind NW fresh or strong, max temp 13C (55F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: most districts dry with sunny intervals but rather cloudy with rain or drizzle in the N and E, near normal in the N, warm in the S.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: wind, W moderate or fresh, mainly fair, visibility, good becoming locally poor, sea slight or moderate. Straits of Dover: wind variable light becoming W moderate, fair, visibility moderate or good, sea slight. English Channel (E), St George's Channel: wind variable light, fair, visibility, moderate or good, sea smooth. Irish Sea: wind W moderate or fresh locally strong, occasional drizzle, visibility moderate locally poor, sea slight or moderate locally rough.


Sun rises: 4.45 am | Sun sets: 9.22 pm
Moon rises: 3.09 am | Moon sets: 8.05 pm
New Moon: June 29.

Lighting-up time

London 9.52 pm to 4.16 am
Bristol 10.01 pm to 4.26 am
Edinburgh 10.33 pm to 3.59 am
Manchester 10.12 pm to 4.12 am
Penzance 10.06 pm to 4.45 am

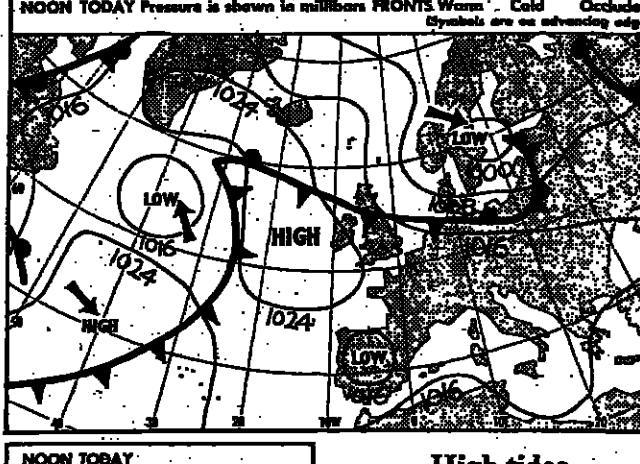
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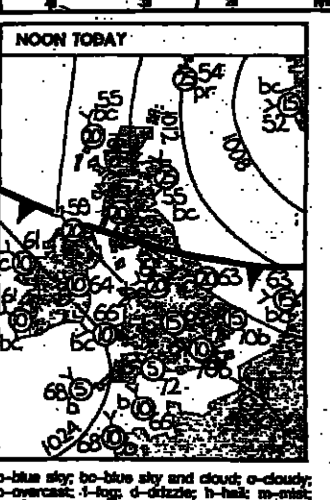
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	18	64	Guernsey	s	18	64
Birmingham	c	21	70	Inverness	f	16	61
Blackpool	c	15	59	Jersey	s	19	66
Bristol	s	23	73	London	f	23	73
Cardiff	c	20	68	Manchester	c	16	61
Edinburgh	f	18	64	Newcastle	f	18	64
Glasgow	f	16	61	Ronaldsway	s	17	63

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: London, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, 0.12 in; highest sunshine: Guernsey 15.4 hr





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.53	6.1	1.27	6.4
Aberdeen	12.47	3.7	12.57	3.7
Avonmouth	6.32	11.7	6.54	11.9
Belfast	10.51	3.0	10.53	3.2
Cardiff	6.17	10.8	6.39	11.0
Devonport	5.01	4.8	5.32	5.0
Dover	10.41	5.9	10.50	6.0
Falmouth	4.31	4.6	5.02	4.8
Glasgow	12.04	4.2	12.39	4.2
Harwich	11.34	3.7	11.41	3.8
Holyhead	9.51	5.0	10.15	5.1
Hull	5.48	6.5	6.06	6.7
Ilfracombe	5.23	8.0	5.44	8.2
Leith	1.53	4.9	2.11	5.0
Liverpool	10.43	8.5	11.06	8.6
Lowestoft	9.09	2.2	9.08	2.2
Margate	11.40	4.4	11.51	4.3
Milford Haven	5.35	6.1	5.58	6.3
Newquay	4.28	6.2	4.51	6.3
Oban	5.20	3.5	5.34	3.5
Penzance	4.04	4.8	4.33	5.1
Portland	6.04	1.7	6.41	1.9
Portsmouth	10.59	4.2	1.18	4.4
Shoreham	10.41	5.4	11.02	5.7
Southampton	10.33	4.1	10.49	4.3
Swansea	5.40	8.4	6.02	8.5
Tees	3.06	4.8	3.20	4.8
Walton-on-Naze	11.19	3.8	11.34	3.6

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	12.0	–	22	72	Sunny	Guernsey	15.4	–	23	73	Sunny
Bridlington	12.7	–	22	72	Sunny	Scilly Isles	12.2	–	21	70	Sunny
Cromer	11.6	–	20	68	Sunny	Newquay	14.1	–	22	72	Sunny
Lowestoft	10.2	–	21	70	Sunny	Ilfracombe	13.3	–	18	64	Sunny
Clacton	12.4	–	21	70	Sunny	Tenby	12.5	–	23	73	Sunny
Margate	13.6	–	23	73	Sunny	Southport	3.7	–	17	63	Cloudy
Folkestone	13.4	–	22	72	Sunny	Morecambe	6.1	–	18	64	Sunny pm
Hastings	13.8	–	21	70	Sunny	Douglas	9.8	–	18	64	Sunny
Eastbourne	13.6	–	21	70	Sunny	London (Ctrl)	13.7	–	26	79	Sunny
Brighton	–	–	20	68	Sunny	B'ham (Airpt)	9.3	–	22	72	Sunny
Worthing	13.4	–	22	72	Sunny	Bristol (Ctrl)	15.0	–	23	73	Sunny
Littlehmptn	12.4	–	25	77	Sunny	Cardiff (Ctrl)	15.1	–	21	70	Sunny
Bognor R	13.7	–	21	70	Sunny	Anglesey	6.5	–	21	70	Sunny pm
Southsea	14.4	–	25	77	Sunny	B'pool (Airpt)	6.8	–	17	63	Bright
Shanklin	14.5	–	23	73	Sunny	Manchester	4.7	–	17	63	Cloudy
Bournemouth	14.7	–	23	73	Sunny	Nottingham	13.3	–	20	68	Sunny
Poole	14.9	–	26	79	Sunny	N'cl-n-Tyne	12.9	–	21	70	Sunny
Swanage	14.5	–	23	73	Sunny	Carlisle	8.5	–	20	68	Sunny
Weymouth	14.5	–	25	77	Sunny	Eskdalemuir	7.3	–	19	66	Bright
Exmouth	15.1	–	25	77	Sunny	Prestwick	5.1	–	17	63	Cloudy
Torquay	14.7	–	25	77	Sunny	Glasgow	4.3	–	18	64	Bright pm
Falmouth	14.4	–	22	72	Sunny	Tiree	0.4	.02	14	57	Drizzle
Penzance	13.6	–	22	72	Sunny	Stornoway	2.1	.02	15	59	Cloudy
Jersey	15.1	–	22	72	Sunny	Lerwick	0.2	.03	11	52	Rain pm

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	23	73	Copenhgn*	f	15	59	Majorca	s	31	88	Rio de Jan*	s	29	84
Akrotiri	f	25	77	Corfu	s	30	86	Malaga	s	25	77	Rome*	s	26	79
Alexandria	c	28	82	Dallas				Malta	s	26	79	Salzburg*	f	16	61
Algiers	s	24	75	Dublin	c	19	66	Melbourne	f	12	54	Sao Paulo*	c	25	77
Amsterdam	s	17	63	Dubrovnik	s	24	75	Mexico C*	s	21	70	S Francisco			
Athens	s	27	81	Faro	th	20	68	Miami*	s	32	90	Santiago*	f	9	48
Bahrain				Florence*	s	27	81	Milan*	f	24	75	Seoul	f	27	81
Barbados				Frankfurt	f	18	64	Montreal*	s	22	72	Singapore	f	28	82
Barcelona	s	25	77	Funchal	c	20	68	Moscow	f	23	73	Stockholm	th	14	57
Beirut	c	26	79	Geneva	s	23	73	Munich	c	15	59	Strasbourg	c	21	70
Belgrade	f	17	63	Gibraltar	s	23	73	Nairobi*	c	21	70	Sydney	s	16	61
Berlin	f	16	61	Helsinki	f	16	61	Naples*	s	27	81	Tangier*	f	23	73
Bermuda				Hongkong	c	29	84	New Delhi	c	34	93	Tel Aviv	s	29	84
Biarritz	s	21	70	Innsbruck*	f	16	61	New York*	s	26	79	Tenerife	s	23	73
Boulogne	s	17	63	Istanbul	f	19	66	Nice	s	24	75	Tokyo	r	20	68
Bordeaux	s	25	77	Jeddah	s	37	99	Oslo*	c	16	61	Toronto*	f	18	64
Brussels	f	18	64	Jo'burg*	s	16	61	Ottawa				Tunis*	s	30	86
Budapest*	f	17	63	Karachi	c	31	88	Paris	f	20	68	Valencia	s	28	82
Buen Aires*				Las Palmas	f	22	72	Peking	s	32	90	Vancouver*	f	20	68
Cairo*	s	34	93	Lisbon	c	19	66	Perth	s	15	59	Venice*	s	23	73
Cape Tn	s	21	70	Locarno	c	29	84	Prague*	f	13	55	Vienna*	f	17	63
C'blanca	c	22	72	L Angeles*	f	23	73	Reykjavik	s	12	54	Warsaw	c	13	55
Chicago				Luxembg	f	18	64	Rhodes	s	27	81	Washington*	s	29	84
Cologne	c	16	61	Madrid	s	30	86	Riyadh	s	40	104	Zurich	f	21	70

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available